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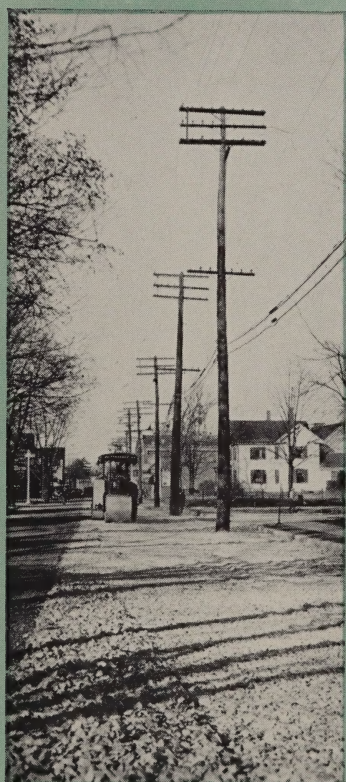




## PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. THROUGH THE YEARS

*Cover photo: Cleanup after Hurricane Carol.*

*Back Cover: Rosemary Lake overflow after Hurricane Edna.*



### Photos — Top to Bottom:

First Public Works office.

Chestnut St. poles prior to 1931 construction.

Road Scraper on Grove St.

Greendale Ave. (Rt. 128) in 1912.

Filling in Memorial Park.

# Town of NEEDHAM

MASSACHUSETTS



1954

## ANNUAL REPORT



Under direction of your Board of Selectmen  
a Town Report Committee has endeavored to present  
in readable form, the essential facts with regard  
to the activities of your Town Government  
during the year 1954

## Of General Interest

Needham was incorporated as a Town on November 5, 1711.

**Situation:** About 10 miles southwest of Boston. Geodetic position of Town Hall: Latitude 42°-16'-51.568", Longitude 71°-14'-13.048".

**Population:** 16,313 (1950 Federal Census).

**Area:** Approximately 12.75 square miles.

**Elevation:** 85 feet above sea level at Rosemary Meadows, 180 feet at Needham Square and 300 feet in the Birds Hill section.

**Assessed Valuation:** \$46,408,676.00, Real Estate only—\$2,136,305.00, Personal Property Total, \$48,544,981.00.

**Tax Rate:** \$50.00

**Town Hall:** Built in 1902. Frank J. Dermody, custodian. Phone NEedham 3-1518.

**Offices Open Tuesday Evening:** Offices of Selectmen, Assessors, Town Clerk, Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

**Probate Court:** (for returning cases) Dedham: First, Third and Fifth Wednesdays, except August. Third Wednesday in August. Quincy, Second Wednesday and Fourth Monday of every month, except August. Brookline, Fourth Wednesday of every month, except August.

**Senators in Congress:** Leverett Saltonstall and John F. Kennedy.

**State Senator:** Leslie B. Cutler of Needham (Second Norfolk District).

**Representative in Congress:** Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton (Thirteenth Congressional District).

**Representatives in General Court:** Harold Putnam of Needham, Francis A. Harding of Dedham (Sixth Norfolk District).

**Member of Governor's Council:** Charles J. Gabriel (Second Councillor District).

**Qualifications for Registration as Voters:** Must be 21 years of age, American born or fully naturalized, and have resided in Massachusetts one year and Needham six months. Registration Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday evenings, at the office of the Town Clerk. Special evening Sessions of Registrars held preceding elections.

**Absentee Voting:** State, National and Town Elections.

**Dog Licenses:** All dog licenses expire March 31st. A dog should be licensed when three months old. Fees: Male \$2 — Female \$5 — Spayed \$2.

**Tax Bills:** Due and payable July 1st. Interest will be added according to law from October 1st on bills unpaid after November 1st. Poll, motor excise and water bills are due thirty days from date of issuance.

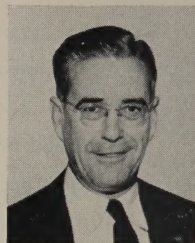
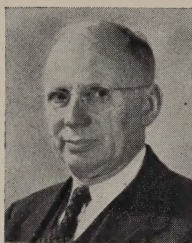
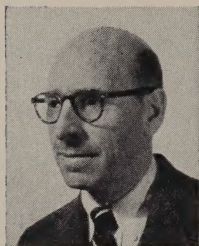
**Board of Health:** Householders shall report to the Board of Health all cases of communicable diseases, unless a physician is in attendance.

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## Board of Selectmen



EDWARD J. STEWART, *Chairman*  
(1957)

EVERETT C. CROSS, *Vice Chairman*  
(1956)

PHILIP F. FOSS, *Secretary*  
(1955)

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	1	\$2,413.	\$2,411.
1946	1	2,718.	2,598.
1952	1	3,699.	3,598.
1953	1	3,624.	3,574.
1954	1	6,619.	6,233.

Your Board of Selectmen held forty-nine regular meetings and eleven special meetings during the year 1954. This was the first Board elected under the new terms of one, two and three years. In future annual elections one member will be elected for a period of three years.

### SUDBURY AQUEDUCT

Due to the seasonal shortage of water capacity during the summer months, plans were studied for providing relief. Additional capacity was considered through connecting with the City of Newton pumping station near Highland Avenue and the Charles River or through pumping from the Sudbury Aqueduct at St. Mary's Street. The latter plan was finally decided upon as advised by the Town Water Department and a firm of water works engineers. Approval of this source of water was obtained from the State Board of Health and an arrangement made for an agreement with the Metropolitan District Commission. A Special Town Meeting was held on May 17, 1954 and the Sudbury Aqueduct connections approved. This project was completed on September 1, 1954 and the Town can now receive additional water to the extent of two million gallons of water per day from this source. The use of water should not be limited during the summer of 1955.

## **HURRICANES CAROL AND EDNA**

Much damage was done to our Community by these storms. Power was cut off from homes and industry for days at a time. An emergency was declared at the time of each storm. Approximately \$50,000 was spent by our Town Departments following Carol which, by an act of the State Legislature, we anticipate recovering. About \$10,000 was spent following Edna but although it is anticipated that recovery from State funds will be enacted, this has not yet been done. Our accounting has been maintained on a basis that will enable us to file our claim readily when the necessary legislation has been passed.

Due to the torrential rains that accompanied Edna our storm water drains were put to a severe test. Many hearings were held at which complaints of property owners were received. Although it is doubtful if any community could afford drainage protection of sufficient capacity to take care of such a severe and infrequent storm, it is unquestionably a necessity for us to improve our storm water drainage system. A study of the overall problem is being undertaken and recommendations will be made for an orderly correction of the situation.

A secondary result of these hurricanes was the postponement of street repairs and sidewalk construction. Emergency repairs of storm damage required the exclusive attention of our Public Works Department for a long period.

Civil Defense facilities were put to a severe test. They maintained communication during the storms, reporting on traffic hazards and flood conditions, dry ice was obtained and distributed to aid in maintaining low temperatures in home freezers.

## **REPLACEMENT OF ELIOT SCHOOL**

A Special Town Meeting was held on December 13, 1954 at which a Committee was appointed to direct the building of a new fourteen-room grade school in the Highland Park area. The sum of \$550,000. was authorized to be borrowed, and \$22,500. transferred for the construction of the new school to be completed for use in September of 1956.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

Home building was numerically fewer in 1954, but the total value exceeded that in 1953. Three hundred and thirteen permits were issued for a total value of \$4,572,000. in 1954, compared to three hundred and twenty-nine permits for \$4,468,000. in 1953. Commercial construction was also heavy during 1954. Permits were issued for a total valuation of \$4,165,160. The major part of this construction is in the new industrial development off Route 128 and Highland Avenue. This development is certain to have an important effect on our tax rate.

## LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

No report of 1954 activities of our Town would be complete without covering the intense excitement as Needham's Little League team played through the Sectional play-offs and finally won the Championship of New England and Eastern Canada. Although they were eliminated from the National play-offs, all Needham was thrilled with their success.

## TOWN REPORT AWARD

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the 1953 Needham Town Report received first award in the large town class. (First Population Group). The Town Report Committee for 1954 has the following membership:

FRITZ A. OHRN, *Chairman*

ARTHUR E. ENGDAHL, *Vice Chairman*

SIDNEY A. DIMOND

ERMA N. WIGGIN

WALTER MASSON

GEORGE H. KRECH

MARY D. ADAMS

JOHN WALLACE

WINSLOW CROWELL

RAYMOND C. PARDY

Needham is fortunate in having volunteer committees which perform difficult tasks so creditably as have our Town Report Committees.

## POLICE WOMEN

At our 1954 Town Meeting five policewomen were authorized for school traffic duty. These women were employed and trained during the summer months and were ready for active duty with the opening of schools in September. The consensus seems to be that the experiment was successful and should be continued in the future.

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*The custom of presenting to you, pictorially, the Department Heads of your Town is continued this year in the thumbnail prints with each Departmental Report. In each case, unless otherwise noted, the Head of the Department or the Chairman of the Committee involved is shown.*

*This year, statistics of fifteen years ago (1939) and the first year after World War II (1946) are included with current figures. It is intended, thereby, to portray graphically the growth of our Town and the spiralling costs of operation.*

# Town Clerk

MARIAN S. PETERSON, *Town Clerk*

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	2	\$2,462.	\$2,443.
1946	2	5,710.	4,990.
1952	2	7,487.	7,460.
1953	2	7,950.	7,737.
1954	2	8,173.	8,053.



The activities of the Town Clerk's office are varied, and for the most part the duties are specifically prescribed by State Statute and Town By-Law. The Town Clerk is the recorder of vital statistics of the town and as such the office reflects the trends of community life as a whole. The rapid growth of the town is reflected in increased number of births, marriages and deaths. With the enlargement of Glover Memorial Hospital, the number of births recorded for out of town parents has shown a marked increase. Of 734 births recorded last year, 293, or 40%, were those of out of town residents, while in 1944 of 250 births recorded only 30, or 12% were out of town residents.

The number of personal property mortgages recorded, however, has dropped from 428 in 1953 to 362 in 1954.

As the Town Clerk's office is the focal point for elections, both State and Town, we were busy in 1954 with the Town election on March 1st, State Primary on September 14th and State Election on November 2nd. A growing town has more problems than one that remains static. The Annual Town Meeting required three sessions and there were two Special Town Meetings, one in May and another in December. The Town Clerk's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and, for your convenience, on Tuesday evening between the hours of 7:30 and 9 p.m.

<i>Vital Statistics</i>	1953	1954
Births .....	734	626*
Marriages .....	237	249
Deaths .....	182	191

\* Incomplete

## Receipts:

Dog Licenses .....	\$4097.	\$4027.
Hunting, fishing, trapping licenses .....	3049.	3392.
Miscellaneous fees .....	3684.	3479.

## Law Department

HENRY W. HARDY, *Town Counsel*



	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	\$2,044.	\$1,512.
1946	2,850.	2,257.
1952	5,066.	4,383.
1953	4,650.	4,194.
1954	6,821.	6,816.

During 1954, the Town Counsel attended the meetings of the Board of Selectmen, assisted in the preparation of the warrants for the Annual Town Meeting and for two special Town Meetings and drew the motions for town meeting action under the warrant articles.

Three land damage cases, resulting from eminent domain takings for school purposes, were disposed of during the year, one by trial before a jury and two by settlement. Three decisions of the Board of Appeals were successfully defended on appeal in the Superior Court. Two proceedings were prosecuted under the new Uniform Enforcement of Support Act to obtain contributions from out of state residents to the support of their aged parents to whom the Town had granted Old Age Assistance. One appeal from our Assessors to the Appellate Tax Board involving a local charitable corporation was settled without trial.

The Town Counsel has drafted bills proposed for presentation to the General Court on vote of the Town Meeting, including one designed to increase the number of voting precincts and to establish a method whereby, in the future, as precinct populations change, an equitable representation in the Town Meeting can be effected by increasing or decreasing the number of Town Meeting members from given precincts rather than by shifting the boundaries of the precincts. He has pressed claims on their surety company bonds against four subdevelopers who failed in one respect or another to comply with their agreements with the Planning Board relative to the construction of streets in their sub-divisions.

Collections have been made for both the Board of Public Welfare and the Glover Memorial Hospital. The Town Counsel has also conferred with State officials on matters affecting the Town, has approved deeds, leases, bonds and contracts for the Town, and has rendered legal opinions on request to various Town officers, boards and committees.

Pending court cases in which the Town is a party consist of two accident cases, two appeals from the Board of Appeals and one petition for a declaratory judgment. One matter is pending before the Appellate Tax Board.

# Board of Registrars

FRANCIS J. DONAHUE, *Chairman*  
 HAROLD S. LOUDON                      MARY E. FITZGERALD  
 MARIAN S. PETERSON, *Ex-Officio*

	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
	<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Part Time</i>		
1939	—	4	\$ 3,392.	\$ 3,295.
1946	1	4	6,424.	6,051.
1952	1	4	12,619.	12,521.*
1953	1	4	9,084.	8,825.
1954	1	4	11,814.	11,479.

\*Presidential Election



On January 1, 1954, twenty-two Assistant Registrars of Voters commenced the listing of the male and female population of the Town who were twenty years of age or over. When they had concluded their work some three weeks later approximately 13,802 residents had been listed.

In preparation for the Town Election on March 1, 1954, 286 new voters were registered. There were 5,544 votes cast at the election which was 51.1% of the eligible voters. In the weeks preceeding the State Primary on September 14, 1954, 193 new voters were registered. At the election itself 1967 votes were cast which was 10% of the eligible voters. There were 222 new voters registered in preparation for the State Election on November 2, 1954. At the election 8,887 votes were cast which was 81.6% of the eligible voters. When the Registration Books were closed prior to the State Election there were 10,888 registered voters divided as follows:

Precinct 1 — 1,466  
 Precinct 2 — 1,753  
 Precinct 3 — 1,847  
 Precinct 4 — 1,907  
 Precinct 5 — 1,964  
 Precinct 6 — 1,951

There are approximately 1,000 residents of Needham who are eligible to vote but have not done so, and they are urged to register as soon as possible. Residents of the Town are eligible to register when they have lived within the state for one year and in the Town for six months. Applicants for registration must appear in person, and naturalized citizens must present their naturalization papers. The Town Clerk's office is open for registration purposes daily and on Tuesday evenings in addition to the regularly scheduled sessions in the various districts. The Registrars will call upon any person physically disabled, and certified as such by a doctor, hospital superintendent, attending registered nurse or Christian Science practitioner, for the purpose of registering that person to vote.

## Board of Appeals



HERBERT L. MOORE, *Chairman*

S. GILBERT TATTERSALL

ENOS G. NICKERSON

BENJAMIN Y. PIPER, *Special Member*

H. MAUDE CHURCH, *Clerk*

The Board of Appeals has the duty of holding public advertised hearings on requests for variances or exceptions from the literal application of the Zoning and Building By-Laws, and has the authority to grant same where such application creates a hardship on a specific property greater than it does on a district or neighborhood in general. The Board also holds public advertised hearings on requests for special permits where same are required by the Zoning By-Law.

There were nearly twice as many hearings in 1954 than 1953, the total being ninety-three. Of this number thirty hearings related to Section 20B requiring 15-ft. side line set back instead of previous requirement of 10 feet. The Board granted variances in seventeen cases, denied ten, dismissed two and one was withdrawn.

Requests for permits for sand and gravel removal totalled eight. Of these, six were granted, one was denied and one was withdrawn.

Under the Building By-Law, fourteen requests for variances were made and all were granted. These were, in most cases, because the Needham Building By-Law does not contemplate the construction of buildings such as are being erected in the New England Industrial Center on Route 128.

Variances from Section 3, which defines allowed uses in a single family residential area, were requested in fourteen cases, granted in eight, refused in five and withdrawn by one.

Section 10, which has to do with areas and frontages, was appealed in eight cases all of which were given favorable decisions. Miscellaneous applications totalling nine, seven granted and two denied, made up the total of ninety-three hearings, on which there were favorable decisions in sixty-seven cases and twenty-one denials, with five cases dismissed or withdrawn.

The law requires that three members sit on each case and a variance or exception can be granted only by unanimous vote. All decisions must be written, stating reasons for decisions reached, and must be filed with the Town Clerk, where they become public records.

Appeals from the Board's decisions may be taken to the Superior Court. During 1954 three such appeals were taken. The Board was upheld in two cases and on the third there was no finding handed down by the court during 1954.

# Board of Assessors

ARTHUR H. GODFREY, *Principal Assessor*

A. STERLING HOLT, *Secretary*

DAVID MURDOCH

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	1	\$ 5,520.	\$ 5,345.
1946	2	11,296.	9,699.
1952	3	15,010.	15,010.
1953	3	17,024.	16,930.
1954	3	17,650.	17,339.



The Board of Assessors wishes again to call to the attention of the townspeople the tremendous growth in so-called residential areas. This type of expansion naturally increases tax revenue, but it also adds to our Town's operational expenses. This is brought forcefully to mind by the increased costs in schools, public works, police and fire protection, etc.

Although Needham is primarily a residential town, it is necessary to have some business and industrial areas to help out in the tax structure. The New England Industrial area, while nowhere near complete, will add materially to our tax revenue in 1955.

Now that the State has definitely established Route No. 128 within the limits of the Town, the Board of Assessors believes that certain areas which border on this highway should be changed to either business or industrial uses. Traffic conditions make these areas less desirable for residential purposes but very attractive for business and industry.

One item of estimated receipts that we believe to be of interest to taxpayers is the income derived from automobile excise taxes. This means of revenue has increased from \$15,369.77 in 1945 to more than \$250,000 in 1954, which accounts for a saving of approximately \$5.00 on our tax rate.

## RECAPITULATION — 1954

Town Appropriations (Voted by Town Meetings) .....	\$3,753,641.51
Overlay Deficits 1952 .....	395.40
State Assessments .....	62,004.25
County Tax and Hospital Assessments .....	90,243.45
Overlay .....	37,574.64
Gross Amount to be Raised .....	<u>\$3,943,859.25</u>

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Town (All revenue derived from Water Department, Hospital, Motor Vehicle Excise, etc.)	\$ 882,465.30	
Income Tax (Collected by State and returned to the Town) .....	136,589.36	
Corporation Tax (Collected by State, etc.) .....	123,112.91	
Meals Tax (Collected by State, etc.) .....	2,221.70	
	<u>\$1,144,389.27</u>	
Available Funds (From Excess and Deficiency Account; Unexpended balances from previous years) .....	356,379.29	
Overestimates of 1953 (State) .....	3,563.64	
	<u>\$ 359,942.93</u>	\$1,504,332.20
\$2,439,527.05 to be raised by taxation on Poll, Personal and Real Estate Taxes (levied and collected by the Town)		
Tax Rate .....	\$50.00 per \$1,000.00	
Poll Taxes, 6,139 at \$2.00 (levied against all males 20 years and older, with certain exceptions) .....	12,278.00	
Personal Property, \$2,136,305.00 x \$50.00 (Taxes levied against Personal Property) .....	106,815.25	
Real Estate, \$46,408,676.00 x \$50.00 (Taxes levied against Real Estate) .....	2,320,433.80	
	<u>\$2,439,527.05</u>	
		<u>\$3,943,859.25</u>

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Apportionments added to Taxes:		
Sewer .....	\$ 36,950.58	
Sewer House Connections .....	9,009.21	
Sidewalk .....	540.04	
Street .....	9,256.51	
	<u>\$ 55,756.34</u>	

# Police Department

THOMAS H. WELCH, *Chief*

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	15	\$ 35,277.	\$ 34,128.
1946	21	67,390.	63,471.
1952	34	142,658.	142,658.
1953	35	145,756.	145,756.
1954	43	165,473.	165,051.



The Department personnel is currently as follows: Chief, three Sergeants, one detective, twenty-seven regular Patrolmen, three Special Patrolmen, five Women Police Officers (School traffic duty only), Matron, Senior Clerk and Maintenance man. In addition, in the summer, we are fortunately augmented by 18 Special Police (voluntary-unpaid) who assist us with our extensive list of homes to be checked.

The Women Police Officers started their duties in September of 1954 for the duration of the school year. We are particularly pleased with this addition to our Department. They cover school crossings 4 hours per day, five days per week. They have, in no small measure, conducted themselves most admirably in their new positions. With their assistance we have been able to cover more adequately our many school crossings.

During the past year two of our men were graduated from the Training School for Local Police Officers operated by the State Police in Framingham. We now have seven men who are graduates of this fine school and we hope to send two more this year.

Accidents are persistently increasing. During 1954 there were 303 property damage accidents involving 664 vehicles. Personal injury accidents totalled 116 involving 218 vehicles. There were 187 persons injured and 1 pedestrian killed. Of the total personal injury accidents *forty-eight per cent* occurred on Route 128.

Complaints received from the public, requiring investigation have well outnumbered last year's. There were well over 3,000, consisting of telephone, written and those made in person. These were all investigated, cross-indexed and filed for any necessary future reference. All complaints are completely confidential unless hearings are requested.

Dedham District and Superior Courts heard 281 cases from Needham including 186 Motor Vehicle Violations. Other cases were of various classifications. Some are still awaiting appeals at the next Superior Court Session.

The much discussed subject of "juvenile delinquency" is still with us. The average youngster has many problems in this world as it is today. To identify all teen-agers as "juvenile delinquents" because of a certain few who are given such publicity, seems unjust. Those few are certainly "juvenile delinquents" but let us not class them all together. We, in this town, do not have a problem as far as juvenile delinquency is concerned.

Policemen are representatives of the law within the community. It is our duty to enforce the law. *How* we perform our duties is as important to the public as the fact that we do perform our duties.



Needham's first policewomen guarded school crossings.



Prevention of scenes like this is a prime aim of the Police Department.

## Veterans' Services

F. J. STANWOOD, *Agent*

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	1	\$14,677.	\$10,714.
1946	2	29,761.	18,790.
1952	2	37,150.	36,367.
1953	2	39,100.	31,280.
1954	2	35,149.	34,903.



In 1908, which was 43 years after the Civil War ended, this service was started and expenditures amounted to \$2,121.06. This represented aid to veterans and dependents of that war and was classified as State Aid; Military Aid and Soldiers Relief. Disabled veterans were paid small pensions directly by the Federal Government.

In 1954 many new laws, both State and Federal were enacted. Social Security, Veterans' Pension and Compensation and State Aid allowances were increased. These changes increased benefits for the latter part of the year and the full impact will fall in 1955. There were 48 cases representing 86 persons receiving aid in 1954.

In future years aid will increase commensurate with the growth of the Town and continue until a majority of applicants are eligible for Social Security Benefits. Many residents now receiving benefits from other Towns will, after five years of domicile in Needham, receive benefits from us. It is estimated that 40% of our population have rights entitling them to eligibility for Veterans' Benefits. Counselling should continue to increase.

After 46 years of continuous faithful and conscientious service to the Town, Francis J. Stanwood is retiring. Mr. Philip K. Greuling has been appointed as his successor effective January 1, 1955. A veteran of World War II and a resident of Needham for twenty-one years, Mr. Greuling is a Town Meeting Member and Past Commander of the Lt. Manson Carter Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## Fire Department

RICHARD M. SALAMONE, *Chief*



	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
	<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Call</i>		
1939	16	18	\$ 43,348.	\$ 43,012.
1946	20	18	73,694.	70,297.
1952	35	18	186,501.	186,054.
1953	39	12	186,790.	186,356.
1954	39	12	185,109.	183,759.

As the Town continues to grow the number of calls increase each year, and 1954 was no exception.

The reason for the increase in the present permanent positions over 1939 is due to the shorter working hours given to the firefighters over this period.

A total of 427 oil storage permits were issued requiring, in many cases, three or four return calls due to either absence of occupants at inspection time or to insure against improper installations. There were 109 blasting permits issued necessitating close inspection so that public safety would not be endangered.

During Fire Prevention week movies were shown, fire drills conducted and lectures on fire prevention were given at all elementary schools. Inspections were made throughout the year in stores, factories, rooming houses and convalescent homes to eliminate fire hazards.

Two new circuits were added to the fire alarm system which will allow us to carry on our program of adding new fire alarm boxes in sections where they are needed.

The Fire Department feels that the following recommendations should be carried out during the year 1955:

1. Purchase of additional Ladder Truck for Needham Hgts.
2. Appointment of six more permanent men.
3. Purchase of a car for use in making inspections.
4. Purchase of a new and additional pumper.

# Planning Board

EDWARD I. BOWER, *Chairman*

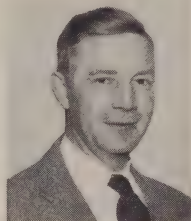
GEORGE M. WILE, *Secretary*

ROBERT L. WOODBURY

IRVING H. COWDREY

LOUIS B. WETMORE

	<i>Part-Time Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	none	\$ 135.	\$ 135.
1946	none	562.	417.
1952	1	4,020.	2,959.
1953	1	3,345.	2,476.
1954	1	4,315.	3,486.



The Year 1954 was a very busy one for the Planning Board. The Board held forty-eight weekly meetings, four special meetings, and thirty-nine advertised public hearings. Thirty-five street profiles were approved; sixteen subdivisions were approved and two disapproved; one private way abandoned. Many conferences were held on subdivision approvals not required and numerous field inspections were made to view the sites under consideration prior to and after the hearings.

In considering the many subdivisions and individual zoning changes, the Planning Board continued to give consideration not only to the immediate development proposed but also to the relationship to other areas nearby and to the future development of the Town as a whole.

During this year the Planning Board arranged its work schedule so that it was possible to continue the day-to-day planning reviews and also form a long-range planning sub-committee. Two members were assigned to this sub-committee with the understanding that they would concentrate upon analysis of basic questions confronting the Town and would prepare for the Planning Board a long-range planning program.

By the end of the year a draft report on the planning problems confronting Needham had been completed by the sub-committee with the assistance of professional planners. After discussion and review by the members of the Planning Board, it was decided to reproduce this report so that copies could be made available to the Town officials and Town Meeting members.

The planning program recommended in this report would enable the Planning Board to make intensive study of the trends in residential development of the Town and the services needed for the growing population. It would also permit the analysis of the Town's fiscal position in relation to industrial and business development and the preparation of a capital budget.

Data gathered on population growth, future trends in property development and on public facilities would be filed in organized form so that it would be readily available to Town officers, and to Town committees for use whenever a special study needed to be made. This central file of information compiled and maintained by the Planning Board would provide the factual basis for sound policy decisions on the many development problems to be resolved in the critical fast-growing years just ahead.

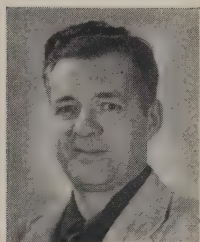
Through the long-range planning program, which was begun this year by the Planning Board, the Town can become aware of problems while they are still in the future and can give adequate attention to developing sound town programs in ample time for appropriate action. Through this long-range program, the many necessary action programs of the Town can be coordinated to achieve the best future development for Needham.

## Inspection Department

EDWIN D. KEYES, *Building Inspector*

CLYDE E. COOKSON, *Wiring Insp.*    CHESTER E. BOSSELMAN, *Plumbing Insp.*

ELINOR M. NORMAN, *Senior Clerk*



	Emp.	Budget	Expenditures	Fees Collected
1939	0	\$ 4,444.	\$ 4,431.	\$ 3,629.
1946	0	7,316.	7,140.	5,274.
1952	1	16,250.	15,689.	10,627.
1953	1	16,410.	16,220.	14,971.
1954	1	17,640.	17,474.	18,497.

### BUILDINGS

	Permits	Estimated Total Value	Dwellings
1939	241	\$ 764,165.	103 — \$ 635,200.
1946	364	1,672,955.	177 — 1,262,400.
1952	512	4,761,685.	287 — 3,508,500.
1953	587	7,967,953.	329 — 4,468,000.
1954	591	9,746,555.	313 — 4,572,000.

The Inspection Department had an all-time record year in 1954. Gross estimated cost of construction reached \$9,746,555.00 and 2,104 various permits were issued. The Industrial Center is now rapidly developing with twelve buildings either under construction or having been completed with more to come. We expect another big year in 1955!

# Needham Civil Defense

LT. COL. FRANK F. FLAGEL, *Director*



During the year 1954 Civil Defense had a taste of real emergency conditions in the nature of the two bad girls Carol and Edna striking this town.

Civil Defense went into operation on Tuesday morning August 31st when an alert was received of the impending storm, was actively engaged through Saturday, September 4th, and again on Saturday and Sunday, September 11th and 12th, due to Hurricanes Carol and Edna respectively.

Communications, Warden and Police Auxiliary Divisions were the principal participants, co-ordinating their functions during the entire period of the emergencies.

Communications personnel operated the main radio controls at headquarters, laid field telephone lines to Police and Fire stations. This activity also placed ten mobile radio cars on the road, manned by auxiliary police and wardens patrolling the streets, regulating traffic, reporting power lines down and broadcasting information by means of loud speakers.

The Medical and Nursing Divisions placed a Medical Station in readiness at the Carter Avery School to care for casualties which fortunately did not occur.

The Red Cross provided coffee and doughnuts to Civil Defense personnel engaged during the period of the emergencies.

One thousand pounds of dry ice was procured and sold at cost to residents of the Town by the wardens at the Legion Hall.

On April 24, 1954 the organization and the Town participated in a region-wide air raid test. After the all clear was sounded, forty cities and towns comprising Region 5 took part in civil defense exercises held at the City of Everett. Needham dispatched a Police and Fire Convoy to take active part in the exercises. Twenty regular and auxiliary Police Officers, Auxiliary Engine No. 2, Fire Alarm Truck and the Fire Deputy proceeded in separate convoys. Communications Division operating at headquarters, 51 Lincoln Street, during the entire period of the exercises, which concluded about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, was in constant contact with the Needham Director by establishing two-way radio communication. Messages were relayed through a mobile unit stationed at Cory Hill in Brookline to two mobile units stationed at Everett.

Other activities during the year consisted of monthly State and Sector Command Post Exercises, Wardens Training Sessions, Red Cross First Aid Instructions, Fire and Police Auxiliary Training, Medical and Nurses Training, Radiological Training and participation in the Fourth of July Parade.

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#### "CIVIL DEFENSE"

*The act of Nov. 22, 1693 required each town to have one barrel of good powder, 200 weight of bullets, and 300 flints for every 60 enlisted men; the selectmen to furnish the poor with arms and ammunition according to the decision of the chief commissioned officers in the town.*

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CD WORKERS DISTRIBUTING DRY ICE AFTER HURRICANE CAROL.



# Schools

JOHN BARR DOLAN, *Chairman*

DANIEL H. RIDER, *Vice-Chairman*

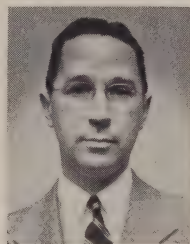
CHARLES E. GREENE JOHN H. BUSH HELEN E. WHITE DOROTHY A. FIELD

ESTHER P. ROBINSON, *Secretary*

DERWOOD A. NEWMAN, *Superintendent*

	<i>Teach.</i>	<i>Non- Teach.</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Enroll- ment</i>
1939	99	24	\$ 240,205.	\$ 241,327.	2,459
1946	104	20	404,126.	396,731.	2,512
1952	144	35*	773,680.	767,788.	3,610
1953	160	38*	917,834.	909,472.	3,910
1954	183	46*	1,048,439.	1,043,804.	3,988

\*Excludes cafeteria employees, truant officers and physician



## CONTINUED GROWTH

Just a glance at the statistics tabled above and at the end of this report will indicate what has been happening to us—the rapidity of our growth, and the generosity of the Town in meeting its responsibility in this most important of areas.

Expansion such as that indicated requires an ever increasing quantity of fine tools and skilled personnel. Physically healthful environments of adequately lighted, heated and ventilated rooms must be maintained, and well trained, inspiring teachers must be employed.

Since our own growth is paralleled by a nation-wide expansion, we find ourselves in the stiffest kind of competition in recruiting and maintaining a high quality staff. During 1954 some fifty-one teachers, most of them experienced, were employed to fill vacancies and new positions. Almost 100 of the 183 members of our teaching and administrative staff have been with us less than three years. Our system has been strengthened to date and we have high hopes that we will be able to acquire teachers of like calibre in the future.

The fact that two new Parochial Schools took nearly 350 children in September 1954, has made it possible to have the size of elementary classes at a desirable below thirty average.

In the fall of 1955 the Junior High, as a two-class school, will almost equal in size the three-year Junior High of 1953. Despite some alleviation of the problem by the Parochial schools, it is imperative that additional capacity be provided at that level by 1958.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

Our rapid growth has compelled us to enlarge the staff in art, home economics, industrial arts, music, and physical education. Further expansion in some of these same areas will soon be necessary.

### **ART**

The splendidly equipped art rooms at the Senior High fittingly house the final steps in a program which, beginning in the kindergarten, is designed for the maximum development of both art appreciation and creative skill, with a range of media limited only by cost and the imagination of the pupil.

### **MUSIC**

Music is another area in which our Needham children are particularly fortunate. Competent and dynamic leadership by Mr. Frederick Harris and his staff has brought a demand for more and more vocal and instrumental work. We have excellent bands, and are working to develop orchestras and choruses of comparable proficiency.

Among the many high lights of the year was the exchange program with Ellsworth, Maine. The Ellsworth band first came to Needham for a joint program in mid-winter, and the Needham band traveled to Ellsworth for a similar program in the spring. The band members are now eagerly looking forward to a spring trip to Cold Springs, New York near West Point.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Two new women teachers have been added to the staff, giving us four full time men and four full time women. With a new course of study and new gymnasiums in several of our schools, our offering in this vital field is much improved both in the area of regular class work and in its remedial and corrective aspects.

### **HEALTH**

Dr. Dorathea Willgoose joined the staff of school physicians in September. Increased enrollment and new legislation with reference to physical examinations made such an additional appointment essential.

Physical examinations are given to grades one, four, seven, eight, twelve, all new pupils, and all participants in competitive athletics. Two hundred sixty-five high school seniors and school personnel were x-rayed. All school personnel are x-rayed once in three years, and food handlers and a few others are x-rayed annually. State law now requires that we examine both the vision and hearing of every child every year.

## GUIDANCE

The appointment of Dr. Ernest F. Forbes to the position of counsellor at the Senior High School has added mature strength to this important department. Under the direction of Mr. William F. Valdina, Dr. Forbes and Mrs. Cecile LeClair assist pupils with their educational, vocational and personal problems at this level, while Miss Vera Thurston has a similar function at the Junior High School.

## DEPARTMENT HEADS

With the appointment of Miss Anna Fessenden as head of the Mathematics Department, recognition has been given to the need for coordinating and unifying this fundamental twelve grade program. The earlier appointment of Mr. John Ferrett as Department Head in English now assures continuous system-wide appraisal of two basic academic subjects.

STEPHEN PALMER PUPILS IN A READING CLASS.



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Both principals and teachers alike are enthusiastic in their appreciation of the increased opportunity for better teaching and better learning being afforded by reason of the more nearly ideal class sizes throughout the elementary schools.

In line with our policy of converting one school a year, the Harris School has newly installed oil heat, and looks forward to the time when the proposed "all purpose" room, will provide it with a sorely needed auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium.

Our last antique, the Eliot School's days are now definitely numbered and parents, teachers and children in that area are happy at the prospect of the new fourteen-room school voted at the Special Town Meeting in December.

The Stephen Palmer, the Mitchell and the High Rock schools have all made progress this year in establishing true elementary school libraries in their respective buildings.

The completion and occupation of the eight-room addition at the High Rock school is now an accomplished fact and the playground facilities in like manner are now substantially completed.

The Army installation on the crest of the hill at the rear of the Dwight School, which at first seemed to pose a threat to the school, or at least to the use of its play areas, now appears to be a boon. It should ultimately eliminate the ever threatened development of the access road, and at the same time the drainage construction in connection with the project, should be helpful everywhere.

## THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Junior High School has been chiefly concerned with the change from a three-year to a two-year program, with fewer classes, but more divisions. A temporarily decreased enrollment has made possible a somewhat smaller class size, with consequent advantage to pupils. Another improvement has been made by organizing study periods as "single class groups," with the pupils' regular class room teacher in charge. As a result, most study periods have become supervised study in the best sense.

Since all pupils in grades seven and eight take home-making or industrial arts, the large number of divisions has required one more teacher in each subject and has required the transfer of some of the industrial arts classes to the Senior High School shops.

With the ninth grade now in the Senior High, "Varsity" inter-school competition has been discontinued in favor of a completely intramural program.



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE CLASSES PREPARE PUPILS FOR MORE ADVANCED TRAINING.

### THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Senior High School again presents an impressive list of colleges accepting the graduates of 1954 and notes the continued scholastic success of previous graduates now in college.

Although the heating and lighting systems were incomplete, the cafeteria, gymnasiums, art and music rooms, shops, library, health suite, shower and locker rooms, and some other areas not ready, there were enough class rooms available in the old building and addition so that school was opened on schedule in September.

As this is being written, the library, music suite and new gymnasium are not yet in use, but tolerance, good humor, and universal cooperation by staff and pupils have resulted in the school's educational processes continuing to function at a normal rate.

The addition, which together with the old building increases the capacity of the school from 600 to 1500 students, is a credit to the building committee, and its organization and use under almost impossible conditions this fall is a tribute to Mr. Pollard.

Especially noteworthy as indicative of parent and pupil satisfaction with the Needham schools is the extraordinary holding power evidenced at the secondary level. In 1954 only three tenths of one percent left school to go to work! This phenomenally low figure must be one of the lowest in the country for fifty to sixty percent drop outs are commonplace.

Those interested in sports will find gratification in a review of the 1954 sports record. The wrestling team under Mr. Mario S. DeFazio and the hockey team under Mr. James P. Maloney were outstanding; the former took first place among public high schools, and the latter won the Massachusetts championship.

Mr. Ralph A. Parmigiane had a very creditable first year as head coach of football and won the enthusiastic acceptance and support of the general public, his colleagues, and the members of the team.

Mr. Karl H. West, Jr., newly appointed coach of cross-country and winter and spring track, brought cross-country to Needham for the first time. With three seasons of track now regularly scheduled, we may expect this sport to assume its rightful place among interscholastic sports.

## MAINTENANCE

The responsibilities of Mr. John J. Daley, Superintendent of School Buildings and Grounds, have been greatly increased by the additions to the High Rock and Senior High Schools. Mr. Daley, with a staff of thirty-three including a matron, efficiently and with astonishing economy and dispatch cares for well over six million dollars worth of buildings and equipment.

The entire maintenance staff, together with the Senior High School and High Rock School faculties and pupils and former pupils in those schools, were saddened by the death of Mr. Cornelius J. Coughlin. Mr. Coughlin, who first served as a Junior Custodian in 1942 at the Senior High School, became Senior Custodian at the same building in 1947, transferred to the High Rock School in 1952, where he was custodian at the time of his death.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT — 1954-55

School	Kn.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Spl.	Ttl.
Senior High School .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	236	223	207	195	—	861
Junior High School .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	329	279	—	—	—	—	—	608
BroadMeadow .....	57	51	49	52	55	56	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	392
Carter-Avery .....	38	62	77	69	69	53	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	438
Dwight .....	27	32	31	31	26	30	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	235
Eliot .....	21	19	18	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75
Harris .....	33	39	33	47	34	24	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	245
High Rock .....	60	65	69	62	58	47	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	400
Mitchell .....	32	43	42	37	28	33	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	246
Stephen Palmer .....	72	53	73	75	81	67	67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	488
Totals .....	340	364	392	390	351	310	366	329	279	236	223	207	195	6	3988



Miss Anna Fessenden, member of the high school faculty since 1926, was this year named head of the Mathematics Department.

# Public Library

DR. HARRY W. KIMBALL, *Chairman*

MARION L. JOHNSON

LAURA G. WILLGOOSE

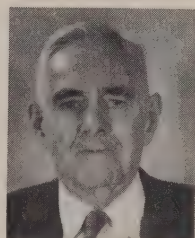
HELEN B. EASTMAN

ARTHUR L. KING

FRED G. ATCHINSON

DOROTHY M. BROWN, *Librarian*

	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Total Books Loaned</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	4	87,215	\$ 9,775.	\$ 9,613.
1946	8	91,620	29,680.	23,322.
1952	9	167,462	37,037.	36,670.
1953	9	185,196	43,027.	42,206.
1954	10	208,567	49,545.	45,341.



Needham citizens made greater use of their public library in 1954 than ever before in its history. Borrowing of books reached an all-time peak during the past year when 208,567 volumes were loaned for home reading—an increase of 23,371 over the 1953 figure. Trends in human thought, wants and curiosities are reflected in the books people read and, in Needham, the range of interests is wide.

Following is a tabulation of books loaned in 1954:

Novels .....	67,690	Science books .....	2,621
Children's books .....	66,014	Books of Philosophy and	
How-to-do-it books .....	7,474	Psychology .....	1,577
Periodicals .....	6,787	Religious books .....	990
Music and Art .....	6,956	Books on Journalism and	
Biographies .....	6,735	Reading .....	392
Plays, poems, essays .....	5,102	Pamphlets .....	407
Books of travel .....	3,896	Dictionaries and Grammars	240
Books of sociology .....	3,856	Branch Library circulations	
History books .....	3,753	not classified .....	24,077

During the course of the year the library did a great deal of reference work. Requests for information numbered about 3000, many of which were answered by telephone. Recently, there has been a greatly increased use of reference facilities by college students. Part of this involves the use of back numbers of magazines indexed in the Reader's Guide to Periodicals. Needham Library is handicapped in this by inadequate space which means inability to store enough back issues to meet requests.

There were 3,968 volumes added to the library this year making a total number of 38,367 books owned as of December 31, 1954. For some time it has been apparent that additional space is necessary to house the growing book collection. A request for badly needed additional book stacks is included in the budget requested for the library for 1955.

Two story hours have been held each week in the children's room—a Saturday morning hour for children five to eleven years old, and a Wednesday morning hour for pre-school children and their mothers. The average attendance on Saturdays is 27 and on Wednesdays 25. The children's librarian has visited all the schools and 20,324 books were loaned to 53 teachers for classroom deposits for Needham children. There were 14 classes visiting the library during Book Week in November and 6 classes during Spring Book Festival in May. Five 6th grade classes received detailed instruction in the use of the library and reference books.

There were 3,863 overdue notices sent out for books not returned on time in 1954 and 175 bills were sent for books lost or damaged.

A total of \$3,179.04 was collected during the year and turned over to the Town,—\$3072.25 of which was for overdue charges, \$82.46 for lost books, and \$12.33 miscellaneous.

Other activities included the repair of books, registration of borrowers, work with scouts, books borrowed from other libraries, weekly newspaper articles, book lists prepared on special subjects and annual inventory of books and magazines.

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## **BUILDING BY-LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE**

HERBERT M. JOHNSON, *Chairman*

The Building By-Laws Revision Committee during the year completed an initial draft of a complete Building By-Laws. Twenty copies of the draft were placed at several accessible locations for review by interested persons. Availability of these copies and notice of a Selectmen's hearing on the subject were duly advertised and a hearing held. Numerous technical and editorial criticisms were heard and have subsequently been partly confirmed. While the changes involved present no great difficulty it is not probable that a corrected draft can be developed and printed before the next regular Town Meeting. Work of this Committee continues for earliest possible completion.

# Recreation Committee

ROBERT J. LATHAM, *Chairman*

NELSON A. TALMADGE

*Vice-Chairman*

MRS. P. BERNHARDT RICHWAGEN

*Secretary*

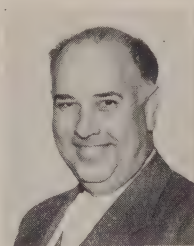
MRS. JOHN H. WHITE

*Rep. from School Committee*

P. BERNHARDT RICHWAGEN

*Rep. from Memorial Park Tr.*

	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
	<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Temp.</i>		
1939	—	—	\$ 2,578.	\$ 2,336.
1946	32	—	9,820.	9,092.
1952	31	13	18,537.	18,474.
1953	32	14	18,955.	18,360.
1954	30	16	23,767.	29,671.



One of the major problems facing the nation today is that of juvenile delinquency. It has become so widespread that it is a common source of conversation in almost every home; what shall we do with the young people today and how shall we prevent their turning to crime?

Many people have their own solutions to this problem. Most in favor is a thought recently expressed by a prominent Massachusetts judge. He pays tribute to the many public and private agencies endeavoring to provide boys and girls with an opportunity to expend their spare energy in a legitimate or healthy manner without injury to themselves or to the public. "The high ideals of such recreational organizations," he says, "is so instilled in these young people that they not only recognize right from wrong, but that they also have the judgment and strength of character to follow the straight path . . . All of this," he asserts further, "is stimulated by first-class leadership, good equipment, and sufficient play-quarters."

Here in Needham, we are fortunate to have in force a recreation program that strives to fit the growing needs of a growing community. Each year, when making its annual report to the Town, the Recreation Committee feels a justifiable pride in the accomplishments of the Recreation Department's program. Even more so this year, when it considers the greater number of people served each season.

Recreation is not for the young alone. We tend to think erroneously that activities should be provided only for the school-age boy or girl. But many, indeed, are the adults of the community in need of outside activities to help complete their lives. The recreation program helps turn wasted leisure into pleasurable and enjoyable relaxation for all ages.

Taken season by season, the recreational program is most active during the summer months. Besides softball, basketball, swimming and track leagues, sports and fun are also provided at the Town's seven playgrounds and at Rosemary Beach.

At each playground, a qualified supervisor watches over the play activities of the children, and directs their energy into worth-while group projects which, among other things, teach them the complicated business of living with one another. At Needham's playgrounds, and at its fine beach at Rosemary Lake, the young people of the Town can find supervised and enjoyable activities that many a costly resort cannot boast.

During the autumn months, football is the major sport, but the annual Halloween parties are perhaps the season's biggest and most anticipated event. In 1954, nine parties were held throughout the Town, and attendance was the highest it has ever been. This is a tangible tribute to the plan which for nine years has helped divert youthful energy away from the destructive pranks of yesterday's youth.

Winter is also an active period of the year. Besides the customary sports activities, such as badminton, archery, and basketball, the Town also provides an educational program for the adults. The older generation may choose leisure-time activities from among a long list, including sewing, furniture refinishing, rug hooking and braiding, woodworking, tray painting, jewelry, and ceramics. In addition, the Recreation Department helps guide the Needham Youth Canteen, an organization of high school boys and girls; the Needham Sound Associates, a club of amateur radio hobbyists who play an important part in the Town's Civil Defense set-up.

Spring brings baseball, track, tennis, and golf, as once again the majority of the activities take to the outdoors.

Yes, Needham's Recreation Committee endeavors each year to cater to the needs and desires of the community. Group activities and strong leadership are planned whenever possible for all ages and all sections of the Town, during all the seasons of the year.

For this reason, it is the earnest hope of this Committee that no one, no place, at no time, will find himself lonely or lost in Needham.

**SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTIES, SPONSORED BY THE RECREATION COMMITTEE,  
ANNUALLY ATTRACT MORE THAN 2,500 CHILDREN.**



# Glover Memorial Hospital

## TRUSTEES

BLAKE H. FIELD, *Chairman*

STEWART B. JOHNSTON, *Vice Chairman*

MRS. GENE R. LEAVITT, *Secretary*

CYRIL N. ANGELL

MRS. LUELLA M. HOPKINS

ALLAN M. CATE

DAVID O'LEARY, JR.

FRANK FARWELL\*

EDWIN PAGE

HELEN I. LINANE, *Superintendent of Nurses*

DONALD R. CARMICHAEL, *Business Manager*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Receipts</i>
1939	N.A.	\$ 31,000.	\$ 31,405.	\$ 25,832.
1946	25	73,422.	66,220.	55,131.
1952	60 Perm. 45 Temp.	358,381.	349,215.	294,778.
1953	70 Perm. 45 Temp.	371,208.	362,951.	320,000.
1954	70 Perm. 65 Temp.	458,873.	417,107.	347,780.

N.A.—Not Available.

In years past the financial problems of hospitals have consumed a large portion of the attention of Trustees. Recently their time and efforts have turned more and more to the medical, nursing and other problems primarily concerned with the care of patients.

Recognizing this change of emphasis, the Trustees of the Glover during the past year have devoted more time and thought to the problems of the medical and nursing staffs. For example, chiefs of the principal services have been invited to meet with the Trustees to outline their responsibilities and to help clarify the relationship among doctors, trustees and administration thus to bring to the Glover the full benefit which comes from knowing how similar problems are faced and solved by other leading greater Boston hospitals. It is the hope



TRUSTEES AND MANAGERIAL STAFF, GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

and expectation of the Trustees that the result of this effort will be to raise even higher our standards of patient care. Such discussions are in addition to the regular monthly meeting between the Executive Committees of the Medical Staff and the Trustees. There is an excellent spirit of cooperation and understanding between these two groups.

Because of improved community health and a decrease in maternity cases, the demand for hospitalization in Glover did not come up to expectations in 1954. It, therefore, became necessary to close the first floor after six months of operation. This floor, which contains 15 beds, was opened for the first time on January 4, 1954. It had been planned to operate this floor for nine months of the year. The Trustees are prepared to re-open this floor immediately upon resumption of an adequate demand. (This floor was re-opened on January 17, 1955). An acute shortage of nurses continues to be a problem.

Approximately \$10,000 of the deficit is represented by the cost of equipping the first floor for occupancy and boiler room equipment which are non-recurring expenditures.

Since a high rate of bed occupancy is essential to operate a hospital at the lowest possible deficit, we encourage our Staff to bring out-of-town patients to Glover. The deficit of our Hospital is met through local taxes. The Trustees have recently re-established a differential of \$2.00 per day for out-of-town patients in an attempt to decrease this load on Needham taxpayers.

The Trustees acknowledge with great appreciation a number of gifts of money and equipment, including a bequest of \$20,000 from the estate of the late Charles L. Haskell. Some donors prefer to remain anonymous and other gifts have been reported in the local press.

The Hospital Aid Association continues to render invaluable service and has contributed equipment without which the Hospital could not function as effectively. The several volunteer groups provide services of great assistance to the Hospital and to the patients.

Many communications have been received from patients and families of patients complimenting the Hospital and the nursing service on the excellence of care received.

The Trustees are pleased with the administration, the medical staff, nurses and employees who, working together, have established the fine reputation enjoyed by our hospital.

#### CENSUS FOR YEAR — 1954

Patients in house December 31, 1953 .....	44
Patients admitted during 1954 .....	1,967
Patients discharged during 1954 .....	1,913
Deaths .....	62
Patients in house December 31, 1954 .....	36
Medical Cases .....	562
Major Surgery Performed .....	378
Minor Surgery Performed .....	526
Tonsils and Adenoids .....	175
Obstetrical Cases .....	479
Caesarean Sections .....	30
Births .....	441
Total Number of Patient Days .....	15,219
Total Number of Infant Days .....	2,972
Average Number of Patients per day .....	41.9
Accidents .....	649
Accidents Admitted .....	81
Outpatients Treated .....	63
Average length of stay in Hospital .....	7
Blue Cross Patients .....	1,229
Total Number of X-rays .....	3,878
Laboratory .....	54,784

Examinations representing the total number of  
units made in our Hospital Laboratory

House Patients .....	44,752
Out Patients .....	10,032

## Board of Health

DAVID E. MANN, M.D., *Chairman*

LESLIE B. CUTLER

KENNETH CHRISTOPHE, M.D., *Secretary*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	3	\$11,225.	\$12,200.
1946	5	28,599.	25,923.
1952	6	27,697.	29,743.
1953	7	39,422.	40,184.
1954	10	56,616.	54,003.

During 1954 responsibility was assumed for the conduct of the Dental Health Program, which was relinquished by the New Century Club. An additional day for services of the Sanitarian was provided and inspection of household installations for sewage disposal was transferred to the Sanitarian. It is felt that now the services offered by the Board of Health fulfill the requirements of a well-rounded modern program.

The most important new activity undertaken by the Board was participation in a public education and case finding diabetes program. With the cooperation of doctors, local newspapers, drugstores, the assistance of a volunteer committee of the New Century Club and many others whom we cannot mention, it was a great success. A total of 501 specimens were examined of which 84 showed a trace of sugar. These were referred to their own physicians and already two hitherto unknown cases of diabetes have been reported. Getting two diabetes patients under medical supervision in itself justifies this project.

The current year showed about average experience with reported communicable diseases. Over one-half of the 802 cases reported are accounted for by mumps and German measles, both of which reached epidemic proportions. The number of cases of scarlet fever and whooping cough showed the highest experience within the last six to eight years. This is especially disappointing in whooping cough which has shown a downward trend that we hoped would be continuous as a result of the more effective vaccines now being used. Infectious hepatitis, which is a newcomer among dangerous diseases, contributed six cases. On the more gratifying side we had only one case of non-paralytic polio reported, and now an entire decade has passed without a single case of diphtheria.

Tuberculosis, which in general still tops the infectious diseases as a cause of death and disability, showed a decline to only four new cases this year. Three persons were discharged from the sanatorium as arrested cases, three left against

advice, and there was one death. New drugs, modern surgery and present methods of detecting tuberculosis early, make this disease far less formidable than formerly. Modern treatment renders patients non-infectious and leads to earlier discharge and more rapid recovery.

The Well-Child Conference has shown a small but healthy increase in enrollment and attendance. The only new service rendered at the Conference is the Mantoux or Tuberculin Test on all new patients between the second and third year. The professional team at the Well-Child Conference consists of a pediatrician, public health nurse and nutrition worker, but without the volunteer help of the Red Cross, the New Century Club and the Legion we could hardly operate efficiently. The friendly conference with the doctor and the interpretation and follow-up given by the Public Health Nurse and Nutrition Worker guide the mother in proper care and protection of the baby.

In addition, the Nutrition Worker carries on a variety of educational service activities including consultation with teachers in the public schools and furnishing them teaching material, lectures and discussions with Girl Scouts and other groups on diet problems—especially as they relate to overweight and other health factors—and, at the request of, and under the direction of the physicians, consultation with diabetic or other patients where food problem is an essential part of care.

Transfer of the inspection service on the installation of cesspools and septic tanks to the Sanitarian has made for more efficient service. The volume of this work has been high due to home construction in unsewered areas. Also, because of this expansion in building, much time must be spent in the study of new subdivisions so that, as required by law, the Board of Health may advise the Planning Board of its opinion as to the adequacy of drainage and sewage disposal facilities. The demand on the Sanitarian for this work has placed limits on other essential services he performs. In some areas it is quite impossible for householders to provide adequate sewage disposal on their own limited area and the Board has pointed out the urgency of extension of public sewerage there.

This is our first year of experience in operating the Dental Clinic; we found when taking it over from the New Century Club it was so well-staffed and efficiently operated that practically no changes, except the addition of the paid clerk, were necessary. The amount and type of work performed since last April when it was taken over by the Board is about the same as in the past.

With the assumption of responsibility for the Dental Clinic, and the first full year of operation of the Well-Child Conference, the present per capita cost for all health services increased from \$2.05 to \$2.39. Deducting the amount of the garbage contract and mosquito control which are not included by the State as basic health services the per capita cost was \$1.03.

## Public Welfare

MEYER J. GORDON, *Chairman*

RALPH L. BIXBY

WILLIAM A. MANN

CATHERINE L. LARSON

DORATHEA M. WILLGOOSE, M.D.

ZELLA M. MANN, *Agent*



	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	3		\$ 69,241.	\$ 70,696.
		U. S. Grants	22,834.	22,834.
1946	3		66,089.	59,380.
		U. S. Grants	25,800.	25,800.
1952	4		106,958.	141,665.
		U. S. Grants	51,812.	51,812.
1953	4		95,850.	147,829.
		U. S. Grants	60,329.	60,329.
1954	5		100,450.	166,692.
		U. S. Grants	61,518.	61,518.

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The care of our aged and infirm people is rapidly becoming the most pressing problem of our day.

The population of the United States in the age group one to 17 years has increased 29 per cent and in the group 65 years and over it increased 47 per cent, but in the group now carrying the brunt of the nation's work—18 to 64 years—the increase was only 10 per cent.

We take it for granted when people of 65 or 70 become ill and incapacitated; we are prone to look upon them as no longer able to "pull their full weight in the boat" even though they are comparatively healthy; and we grossly underestimate the means of making it possible for the aged to care for their daily needs, keep reasonably active and maintain to the last their full dignity as human beings.

### MEDICAL CARE PLAN

On July 1, 1954, the Board of Public Welfare completed the technical procedures necessary in order to administer the new Medical Care Plan adopted by the Department of Public Welfare of the Commonwealth.

The plan includes the services of a medical advisor, and Dr. Dorathea M. Willgoose has been appointed to this position. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to Dr. Willgoose for the time she has freely given in her capacity of medical advisor and to the physicians on the staff of the Glover Memorial Hospital for agreeing to take all public assistance cases in the hospital without charge.

## 1954 BUDGET

General Relief .....	\$ 5,500.00
Old Age Assistance .....	70,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	5,000.00
Disability Assistance .....	10,500.00
Salaries .....	8,500.00
Expenses .....	950.00
	<u>\$100,450.00</u>

At the special Town Meeting held on December 13, 1954, the following additional amounts were voted:

Old Age Assistance .....	\$ 13,000.00
General Relief .....	1,600.00
Expenses .....	500.00
	<u>\$ 15,100.00</u>

## TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS

<i>State and Other</i>		<i>Federal (U. S. Grants)</i>	
<b>State:</b>		Assistance .....	\$54,464.58
Assistance .....	\$56,325.89	Administration ....	7,053.63
Administration			<u>\$61,518.23</u>
(D.A.) .....	548.57		
<b>Other Cities &amp; Towns:</b>			
Assistance .....	4,906.26		
<b>Recoveries from Individuals:</b>			
Assistance .....	8,580.07		
	<u>\$70,360.79</u>		

During 1954 we lost by death, transfer and other reasons 32 cases and received and investigated 52 new applications of which 7 were rejected or withdrawn; we also had 20 additional "Ineligible Inquiry Cases."

## Total Caseload in 1954 (Payroll Cases)

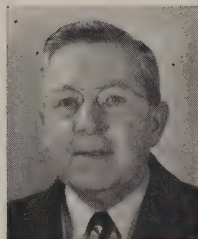
	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Old Age Assistance .....	152	152
Aid to Dependent Children .....	6	13
Disability Assistance .....	17	17
General Relief .....	10	17
	<u>185</u>	<u>199</u>

Included in the 1954 Expenses listed were the following costs of service to clients:

Physicians of clients' choice .....	\$ 4,299.00
Medicines and Prescriptions .....	4,124.94
Nursing Home Costs .....	20,213.23
Hospitals .....	9,124.16
X-rays, Clinics, Spec. Treatments .....	2,538.90
Visiting Nurses .....	1,094.50
Total .....	<u>\$41,394.73</u>

## Public Works

LESTER C. HOLLIS, *Superintendent*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Available Funds</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	45	\$153,983.	\$153,839.
1946	62	519,600.	397,481.
1952	82	1,255,466.	916,499.
1953	88	1,440,501.	1,056,719.
1954	97	1,307,382.	975,111.

"Hello, Department of Public Works? I have a suggestion or a complaint.

"There's a big hole in our street. Why isn't it filled?

"Isn't there any chance of using the old horse drawn plows for the side-walks? I liked them better than those tractors you're using now!

"I don't object to your widening our street. It needs it. But isn't there some way you can save the trees when you do it?"

The phone rings constantly in the offices of the Department of Public Works in the Town Hall, and there is always evidence of abundant activity. Blue prints, rolled and unrolled, relax on tables and desks. Typewriters click away with an almost unbroken rhythm. For this is the nerve center of your streets; your water; your sewer; and many other related services. Calmly presiding over the whole scene is Mr. Lester C. Hollis, who has devoted most of his professional life to the service of the Town. He'll tell you some interesting facts about his Department:

. . . It's still young, organization-wise. It celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1954.

. . . Prior to 1934, when the Department was set up in its present form, there was a Town Engineer, in the person of Mr. Hollis; a Superintendent of Highways, of Sewers, of Water, and several Park Commissioners. There was also a Tree Warden who was elected each year. Some of these gentlemen were supervised by the Board of Selectmen; others by special boards. Putting them all into one Department made for savings and better service coordination.

. . . Among the \$233,257 inventory of automotive equipment and other machinery (much of which demands better shelter space than is now available!), you'll find such items as six passenger cars and station wagons; nearly two dozen trucks of various sizes and capacities; an 8-ton Snow Fighter truck; a street sweeper, power shovel, bull-dozer, air compressors, road rollers, concrete mixers, a steam cleaner, a leaf collector, three salt spreaders, and a Hardie mist blower. It takes a lot of equipment to operate a Department of Public Works! It takes a lot of effort and expense to keep it in efficient operation.

... It also takes a lot of people. Sample: Ninety-seven employees, including four clerical assistants; a Town Engineer with three assistants; two chiefs of party; four draftsmen; two rodmen; plus mechanics, shovel operators, foremen, skilled and semi-skilled laborers, a dump caretaker and an assistant caretaker.

### SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The scope of activities of the Public Works Department is controlled by statute under Section 2, Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1932, which authorizes the Selectmen to act as a Board of Public Works and to appoint a Superintendent to administer, under the direction of the Selectmen, the powers of highways surveyors, Water, Sewer and Park Commissioners, Tree Warden, Town Engineers, and such other powers under the control of the Selectmen as they may designate.

The importance of sufficient, qualified, and trained personnel for maintaining efficient administration of the various activities of the Public Works Department cannot be over-emphasized, according to Mr. Hollis. An increase of only ten per cent is not sufficient to provide for the increased scope of the Department's work this year.

### ENGINEERING DIVISION

FRANK L. CHENEY, *Town Engineer*

Surveys, grades, contract plans, computation, record plans and estimates of assessments to be made on the following streets which were accepted by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting, 1954:

Frances Street—from High Rock Street southwesterly 812 feet,

Barrett Street—from Marked Tree Road to Frances Street,

Horace Street—from Central Avenue to Frank Street,

Chestnut Place—from Chestnut Street westerly 306 feet,

Emerson Place—from Emerson Road southwesterly 400 feet,

Plymouth Road—from Harris Avenue southerly 395 feet,

Pine Grove Street—from Central Avenue easterly to Lester Street.

The following streets were accepted by the Town without assessments, and record plans were made of them:

Rolling Land—from Brookside Road westerly 793 feet,

Doane Avenue—from Grosvenor Road northerly 334 feet.

First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, A Street, B Street.

This Division has supplied engineering surveys, contract plans, profiles and studies necessary for the construction of sewers and drains, together with the descriptions and plans of various easements required through private properties. After the completion of construction, 25 record assessment plans have been made and assessments computed for sewers installed. Individual house connec-



**A SECTION OF RYBURY HILLWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND AFTER COMPLETION.**

tion record cards have been drawn showing connections made to every building during the year. These connections are also shown on the sewer record plans, together with all special assessments. Four record drain plans were made.

Lines and grades have been given for the construction of sidewalks together with the computations of assessments to be levied on the completed walks under the Betterment Act. Studies have been made, also lines and grades furnished for the construction of other public walks and curbs.

Engineering services furnished to other Town Departments include the assignment of house numbers to all new buildings before the issuance of permits. Six new Assessor's plans were made during the year, and portions of other plans were revised. Considerable work is necessary on the Assessor's plans, particularly on the areas through which the new State Highway, Route 128, is being constructed.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

New developments, together with new streets, made necessary the drafting of five new house numbering plans.

Topographical surveys and plans have been made of the land at the proposed new Eliot School, the Junior High School, the Harris School, and the Bird's Hill Railroad Station.

Property line surveys were made for the School Department at the High Rock School and the Broadmeadow School.

The street map was revised and brought up to date.

Assistance has been given the Police Department in measuring distances, and testimony in court has been given on two cases involving unregistered vehicles on public highways.

Information has been given private engineers, surveyors, title-examiners and persons connected with public utilities, when requested.

### **FORESTRY DIVISION**

**ROBERT L. YOKES, *Deputy Tree Warden, Moth Superintendent***

Hurricanes Carol and Edna raised havoc with many of our street trees which necessitated their removal for public safety. It will require at least two years of trimming and surgery to repair the damage. Virtually every tree in the town will have to be inspected and remedial measures taken.

This Division recently purchased a portable generator which will greatly increase the speed of repairing hurricane damaged trees. This unit can handle a power saw, cavity tools, electric tools, electric drill, and flood lights.

A Town Nursery has been started on a tract of Town land on Charles River Street. Small trees were planted which will be ready for street planting in about three years. Eventually this nursery will have about 3,000 trees planted, and will furnish the Town with all its needs for street planting. This year 300 more trees of various species will be planted.

During the year 5,000 Evergreen trees were planted in the Town Forest with the aid of the Boy Scouts in the conservation program.

Street planting was on a small scale due to the unavailability of nursery stock. Trees which were planted were of these varieties: Flowering Crabs, Katsuratree, Hackberry, Swedlar, and Norway Maples.

Dutch Elm disease showed an increase over 1953. Approximately thirty-five elms were removed. Many diseased trees now remaining are on private property, and these diseased trees continually infect Town trees. This situation makes an effective control program almost impossible.

## SEWER DIVISION

EDMUND A. SYMONDS, *Assistant Divisional Superintendent*

Approximately seven miles of new mains and services were added to the system during 1954. Two hundred and eighty-seven new sewer connections were made. It is interesting to note that the number of sewer services installed in the last six years about equals the number installed during the first twenty-two years of the system's operation.

A new pumping station at Alden Road was started in operation, which completed the extension of the sewers in the Stockdale Road area.

Along with the construction of new Route 128 a large amount of new sewer construction and relocation has been necessary.

The storm water drainage system continues to offer a challenge, especially in view of the extremely heavy rainfall recorded this past year. There are many areas where considerable maintenance work will be required, and also an extensive construction program carried out to properly alleviate the serious drainage problems. A start has been made on this construction in the Warren to Lincoln Street area, and should be continued in the future to take care of the bad conditions on Great Plain Avenue and Manning Street.

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## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1693—Every male inhabitant over 16 years of age was liable to be called upon for work on the roads, and there was a fine of 2s., 6d. per day for absence when summoned unless represented by a substitute.

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## WATER DIVISION

ROGER G. OAKMAN, *Divisional Superintendent*

Facilities have again been taxed to their limit to meet the demands of consumers, the many requests for connections to new houses, the laying and re-laying of water mains in new developments and along the new State highway, and to the general reinforcement of the distribution system in conjunction with a new pumping station off St. Mary's Street, Needham Heights.

An engineering study and report on "Additional Water Supply and Improvements to the Water Distribution System" by Metcalf and Eddy of Boston was given to the Board of Selectmen early in March. Their report showed the present water supply facilities are inadequate; that a supply capacity of six million gallons per day will be required for the year 1974, and up to eight million gallons per day in the year 2000. An additional supply of water could best be obtained by taking it from the Sudbury Aqueduct of the Metropolitan District Commission. They also recommended a list of additions and improvements to the water distribution system needed to best utilize the additional supply and reinforce the Town's distribution system.

Although it was generally agreed that it would be possible to sink one or two additional wells in our present well field off Charles River Street, exhaustive tests would have to be made to determine if the capacity of this field could be increased to six million gallons of water per day, what effect it would have on the ground water-table, and if the quality of the water would meet the approval of the State Department of Public Health. To get this water to town would entail new pipe lines costing approximately \$450,000. Even under the most favorable conditions it did not appear that the Charles River supply would meet the requirements of the Town beyond the year 1974. It was decided that the Town would make a connection to the Sudbury Aqueduct, and construct a pumping station in the rear of the Eliot School lot.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

A number of additions and replacements of water mains were made in accordance with the Metcalf and Eddy recommendations.

A Town Water Committee was appointed at the Adjourned Town Meeting held on March 17, 1954, to investigate, advise and consult with the Board of Selectmen on a long range Town water supply and distribution policy.

A program has been set up, and it is proposed to reinforce our distribution system to increase the fire flows in certain areas of town along with the development of a network of larger mains, which will enable us to pump more water from our pumping stations.

Construction of Route 128 made it necessary to abandon many of our pipe lines and re-locate our water mains in other streets and access roads to provide water in the northeasterly end of town.

It was necessary to curtail use of water for sprinkling of lawns again this year, as the connection to the Sudbury Aqueduct, the building of the new pumping station, and the development and installation of larger pipe lines were not completed until late August.

We pumped a total of seven million gallons of water from the Sudbury Pumping Station in September. This water was distributed throughout the system and mixed with our present Charles River supply. Consumers in the north-erly and easterly sections of town received most of their water supply from the new source during the month of September.

We are asking for additional funds this coming year to further the development of our long range program. The special Water Committee of 1954 concurs with this program.

The Water Division has been operating on a deficit budget over the past few years. The Water Committee has proposed a new rate schedule, and charges for services that should put the Water Division on a self sustaining basis.

It is advisable for the Town to provide funds for the Division to purchase an auxiliary pumping unit, to be used in conjunction with our other emergency units, to provide water for our consumers in the event of a general electrical power failure or other emergency.

### NEEDHAM'S FUTURE

The design for the future lay-out of our Town is now speedily being put over by the various developers of vacant lands throughout the Town. Such developments are, by law, submitted to the Planning Board for their approval, after specifications for construction are prepared by this department. But, due to over-anxiety for obtaining house lots, regardless of size, we are fast losing control of the future lay-out of our streets.

The design for the future must provide not only for the problem of our ever-increasing demand for homes by new citizens, but also the demand for the increasing volume of traffic in and through the Town. While the new Route 128 will solve one problem, we still will be faced with the more serious problem of providing better and wider highways in and around Town, as well as providing suitable highways to take through traffic over leading ways to the State Highway. A large percentage of our existing Town ways are now in need of new surfacing, grading, and new pavements. Accordingly, we recommend that a program be established which would require a total expenditure of about \$200,000 for such work, to be accomplished over a period of years. The Town should make annual appropriations authorizing such construction of portions of ways together with the re-construction of intersecting corners.

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1743—The town voted to allow for road work—"one Shilling old tenour per Hour for a single man," and 2 shillings was considered fair, "for a man and a Teame."

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TOWN OF  
NEEDHAM  
MASS.



MAY 1954 FRANK L. CHENEY,  
CIVIL ENGINEER, P.E. WORKS DEPT.

PRECINCT MAP





APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MILES OF  
NEW MAINS AND SERVICES WERE  
ADDED TO THE SEWER SYSTEM IN  
1954.



## STREET WORK

Eight streets were completed this year; work on seven streets has been completed except for the application of the final surface treatment. On November 1, 1954, thirty-two petitions had been received for the acceptance of streets.

Appropriations for construction under the provisions of Chapter 90, whereby the State provides fifty per cent of the money involved, and the County and Town twenty-five per cent each, have been continued this year by reconstruction of Great Plain Avenue, extending from the Wellesley line to North Hill Avenue. The total sum of \$30,000 was expended. Our tentative allotment for 1955 under the above Act is \$18,000.

## UNWELCOME VISITORS CAROL AND EDNA

Hurricane Carol struck Needham at noon on Tuesday, August 31. During such emergencies the various divisions of the Public Works Department are assembled in one organization. Sixty-six Public Works Department men and thirty extra common laborers were immediately dispatched to clear highways. Twelve Department trucks were used, and six privately owned trucks were hired. Three hired power saws supplemented the four Town-owned saws.

Hurricane Edna arrived September 11, causing some additional trees to fall, but the most severe damage was caused from flooding conditions in cellars and roadways. It was not until the week ending September 25 that all hired equipment could be released, and additional temporary laborers dismissed.

More than \$40,000 was spent by the Public Works Department for restoration work in connection with both hurricanes. It is assumed this financial burden will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provision of Chapter 689 of the Acts of 1954. Clearance of debris from public property, from streets and from ways open to the public, cost \$30,656. Temporary restoration of publicly owned essential facilities such as water and sewerage systems, traffic signals, etc., cost \$824. Temporary repairs to public property necessary to preserve such property cost \$7,515. Pumping approximately 100 cellars cost \$1,194. Two hundred and twenty square yards of sidewalks were repaired and two hundred and three stumps in ways were removed. Twenty-five leaning trees were removed, and more than one hundred large limbs dislodged. One hundred and ten cubic yards of wall were repaired; street name signs, driveways, miscellaneous fencing were also repaired. Seventy-five linear feet of guard rail fencing was restored. About two hundred and sixty square yards of road surface was restored.

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1902—The first State road built in Needham was a mile of Highland Ave., beginning at the bridge and cost \$6100., \$5340. paid by the Commonwealth.

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STREET CLEANUP AND TREE WORK WERE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AFTER THE HURRICANES.

### OTHER HIGHWAY NOTES

*Street Cleaning.* One mechanical sweeper is used for this purpose. Fallen leaves and raking leaves into the highways has greatly increased the problem of keeping streets clear. One vacuum leaf collector is used for this purpose, and has proven to be valuable. We recommend the purchase of one additional Power Sweeper and one additional Leaf Collector this year.

*Street Lighting.* There is a general opinion that inadequate street lighting exists, particularly in the business districts. Street lighting surveys have previously been made, and appropriation for the annual charge should be increased ten per cent, should the Town feel that additional lighting should be installed.

*Parks.* About four acres of park lands at intersecting ways and three acres in Fair Oaks Park and the Harris Avenue Reservations, together with the Town Hall grounds, Cricket Field, and other areas, are cared for each year by mowing, trimming, and raking. The budget allows only \$1,200 for such maintenance work, and \$2,000 is appropriated annually for improvement of other locations.

Much work on our park lands has been deferred until such time as the uses may be determined, and sufficient allowances made to provide for such changes and improvements.

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1868—(for the year ending Jan. 31). There were Heavy falls of snow, and it cost the town over \$1600 to break out the roads.

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# Needham Housing Authority

RALPH E. CHAMBERS, *Chairman*  
 HARMON S. SHUFRO, *Vice-Chairman*  
 WILBAR WHITTEMORE, *Treasurer*  
 LESLIE H. WICKEN, *Assistant Treasurer*  
 JOSEPH M. MASTROPIERI, *Member*  
 HELEN E. CZARNOWSKI, *Executive Director*



The Needham Housing Authority is responsible for the administration of 80 single units, approximately seven years old, in the High Rock area. Residency is restricted to veterans of Needham and their families. Members of the authority are elected for terms of five years each. The policy of the board is to stimulate a feeling of civic responsibility and freedom on the part of the tenants by avoiding excessive regulation.

On May 1, 1954, the Authority moved from its former offices in the Police Station to its new location at 286 Linden Street. There a renovated building houses the Administration Office and the Maintenance Department, with Mr. Edman Remsen handling all maintenance service.

On June 7, 1954, Mr. Leslie H. Cramer completed his work on increasing the efficiency of the oil burner units at the project. This work has reduced the oil consumption in each unit over 50 per cent, a tremendous saving to each family.

On June 11, 1954, the entire sewer line and service connections at the Memorial Circle Section was completed. This was the only remaining area with septic tanks.

Mr. Robert W. S. Cox, now of Westwood, submitted his resignation as Chairman of the Authority on August 11, 1954. A new housing law had been passed which stated: "Membership in a Housing Authority shall be restricted to residents of the town or city in which the housing units are situated." Mr. Cox had rendered valuable service to the Authority.

Hurricane Carol left many scars in the Project. An estimated loss of \$5,000.00 was filed for tree loss, roof repairs, and other damage to homes. The actual count of trees in the project area either partially or completely destroyed was five hundred and sixteen. Cleaning up is still in progress.

The investigation of the need for Housing for the Elderly is underway. The Authority has filed a request with the State Housing Board for allocation of 20 dwelling units for this purpose. It will be necessary for the Town to consider acceptance of these units by vote at a future town meeting.

In January, 1953, after the Tenant Survey, our records showed 80 families with a total of 185 children. During the past twelve months 12 babies have been born to families residing in the Project. In the last year 17 families moved to their own homes and new families arrived to fill the vacancies.

## Town Forest Committee



R. DOUGLAS LOWDEN, *Chairman*

EVELYN B. COBB, *Secretary*

GORDON F. HEALEY

Approximately ten acres of land in the Town Forest and Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary were thinned during 1954 and set up for underplanting in the spring of 1955. The following conifers will be planted:

1,000 Austrian pine	1,000 White spruce
2,000 White pine	1,000 Douglas fir

Five thousand red pine and white pine seedlings were planted in the spring of 1954 as ordered by the Committee. The work of planting was done under the supervision of the Town tree warden, by the Boy Scouts of Needham as part of their conservation program. In addition, the Boy Scouts made a nature trail in the Forest. The committee hopes the program of adding trees will encourage the bird and wildlife population in the Forest to increase.

A new road has been cut through the Forest from Horsford Rd. to Frances Street. This provides a complete circuit of roads in the Forest and thereby improves accessibility for fire-fighting equipment. The circuit also makes it possible for people who wish to enjoy the Forest to make a complete walking tour along its paths and roads without retracing their steps.

Direction signs have been purchased for posting at intersecting roads, and identification signs were made and attached to many of the trees. A new trail, called the Colonel Fales Trail, starting at the end of Robinwood Road, was completed this year. Several picnic areas have been cleared and made available for use. An archery range was set up this year and proved to be quite popular.

All drains and culverts in the Forest damaged by washouts from the hurricanes, have been repaired. Also, all roads have been cleared of hurricane debris, and this material disposed of or burned.



Boy Scouts aided the Forest Committee by planting 5,000 seedlings.

## Contributory Retirement Board

HAROLD A. SMITH, *Chairman*

FRANK L. CHENEY, *Secretary*

MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Town Accountant*



The year 1954 has shown a large increase in membership, as a total of 72 new members have been added to the Contributory Retirement System. Accumulated deductions have been refunded to about 20 former members, showing a net gain in membership in 1954 of 52 employees. The total membership of both active and inactive members, including pensioners, as of December 31, 1954 is 428.

The deductions of employees are invested by the Board in bonds and stocks which are approved by the State as legal for banks and retirement systems. At the end of 1954, the investment funds of the system totalled more than \$424,700. The amount of the monthly pensions paid has changed very little, and still averages about \$3,400 a month the same as the previous year.

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### BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

MYRON E. SMITH, *Chairman*

The addition to the Senior High School, which has been under construction since June of 1953, was sufficiently completed to enable its use on a limited basis for the opening of school in September 1954. The two top floors of the old building together with the new cafeteria and the two upper floors of the new classroom building were certified as "available for school use." Despite considerable inconvenience, there has been no necessity for the authorities to close school while the other sections were being completed. The shop areas, art room, and old gym are now in operation; and the library, health suite and study hall are being given the final touches. The new gym should be available for use by Town Meeting time, and it is hoped the whole plant will be ready for acceptance by the town in the early spring. Most of the seeding of the grounds was completed last fall, but a few areas remain to be finished with the advent of suitable weather. The tennis courts received constant use from April to November, and the new play field is ready for use as soon as weather permits.

Most of the furnishings have been delivered to the site, and the balance is scheduled for delivery as each unit is accepted.

When the whole plant is available, the capacity of the Senior High School will have been increased from 600 to 1,500 students.

## Memorial Park Trustees

T. JAMES CROSSMAN, *Chairman*

PAUL B. RICHWAGON

LESTER C. HUSE

AMOS H. SHEPERDSON

RONALD D. LOWDEN



	<i>Employees</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
	<i>Perm.</i>	<i>Temp.</i>		
1939	1	0	\$ 2,800.	\$ 2,926.
1946	1	2	13,442.	8,778.
1952	1	7	8,263.	8,262.
1953	1	1	10,406.	10,190.
1954	1	1	10,665.	10,250.

Samuel D. Low, a member of the Board for twelve years, contributed much to the development of Memorial Park. His deep interest in the Memorial and his keen practical mind were incalculable assets to the Town. He is greatly missed by all who knew of his unselfish service to the Town. He has been temporarily succeeded by Ronald D. Lowden.

Since April 19, 1921, when over 2,000 citizens of the Town gathered to dedicate Needham's Memorial to the men of World War I, great changes have occurred. The Town purchased 13 acres for the present Memorial Park. Approximately 25,000 cubic yards have been cut from the hill-side and 126,000 cubic yards of fill have been used for proper grading.

The result has been the building of two complete baseball diamonds, two football fields, and a quarter mile cinder track with a 220-yard straightaway.

Hundreds of our boys and girls played their games here, the High School has held its graduation exercises, and thousands have enjoyed its facilities for the Town's Fourth of July celebration and other events.

The year 1954 saw the parking area greatly enlarged making access easier and practically eliminating the hazard of accidents between bicycles and cars at the corner of the Legion House. A pit was dug and filled for pole vaulters, also making an ideal spot for the tackling dummy used by the football teams.

All High School and Junior High School games were played on the fields. Summer playground activities, Junior Legion baseball team and other organized teams also used the Park's facilities. This year the Softball League of the Town used the second diamond for their games.

The Needham Post 14, American Legion make their home available to the Well Baby Conference on Thursday afternoons each week of the year. The Army Reserve, two Boy Scout troops and one Girl Scout troop also make this their headquarters.

The Trustees commend Mr. Harold Pike for the magnificent job he does, in keeping the grounds in excellent condition.

## Finance Committee

JAMES W. CONNERS, *Chairman*

EDMUND W. TROWBRIDGE, *Vice-Chairman*

CONRAD W. FRYKBERG, *Secretary*

WILLIAM H. GAY

WALDO M. HUNT

H. KENT CRABTREE

FREDERICK A. McDERMOTT

STANLEY RAWSTRON

EBEN F. SMITH

ROBERT W. CHERRY



The principal duty of the Finance Committee is to consider all matters coming before the Town Meeting for vote, which involve an appropriation of money, and to recommend acceptance or rejection of articles in which expenditures are proposed. Another duty is to release funds from the Reserve Fund, a fund created each year by vote of the Town Meeting for the purpose of meeting essential expenditures which cannot be foreseen as specific items when the budget is prepared.

To the best of its ability the Finance Committee reviews proposed budgets of various departments of the Town, and studies expenditures in special articles, to the end that waste, duplications and non-essentials be eliminated and costs held down.

The rapid growth of the population of our community has necessitated ever-increasing costs for Schools, Fire and Police protection, Water, Sewer and the many other services that the Town performs for its residents. The rise in the tax rate in recent years merely reflects these expenditures.

In the interests of maintaining an orderly tax rate however, Needham's emergency cash or surplus account, more formally known as the Excess and Deficiency Account, has remained at a dangerously low level. Should the time arrive, as now seems possible, that we enter a period of relative tax rate stability, it certainly would be prudent to build our financial reserves, in an orderly manner, to a size more in keeping with the new economic size of the Town of Needham.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR PROPOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in the HIGHLAND PARK SECTION

JERRY BOND, JR., *Chairman*

This committee was established in accordance with the provisions of Article 49, voted at the Town Meeting of March 17, 1954. Preliminary plans for an elementary school in the Highland Park section have been presented to and approved by the Town at the Special Town Meeting of December 13, 1954.

The committee's program for development of these plans included a review of the Future School Needs Committee's student enrollment projections, conferences with the State School Building Assistance Commission, inspection of outstanding elementary schools in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, screening of qualified architects, selection of architect, study and review of educational requirements submitted by the School Committee, conferences with Needham's school technicians, and conferences and reviews with Town officials and interested committees.

The site for this school comprises approximately eight acres of naturally wooded Town-owned land within the area bounded by Central Avenue and the Sudbury aqueduct at Wellesley Avenue. This area provides space for the normal school playground facilities, a baseball diamond of Little League dimensions, and further expansion of the school if the need should develop.

The plans for the school, as approved, call for fourteen classrooms, including two for each grade, kindergarten through sixth. Space is provided for administration, health, remedial reading, guidance, physical education, assemblies, hot lunch programs, and storage consistent with the essential needs of the Town's elementary school program.

The building is to be constructed of brick, concrete and steel. It incorporates, both in layout and materials specifications, an economical program consistent with our educational requirements, building laws, maintenance costs, and insurance costs. Totally equipped, it is estimated the school will cost approximately \$572,500, including architect's fees.

The successful development and adoption of preliminary plans is due in large measure to the splendid cooperation of Town officials and committees. Outstanding, also, has been the spirit and quality of work contributed by the architects selected, The Architects Collaborative.

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1857—The town directed the selectmen to put up on the school houses the laws of the Commonwealth "in relation to killing birds, stealing fruit and depredations on gardens."

1860—The School Committee each devoted annually about 15 days to the schools, and were paid \$1.50 per day.

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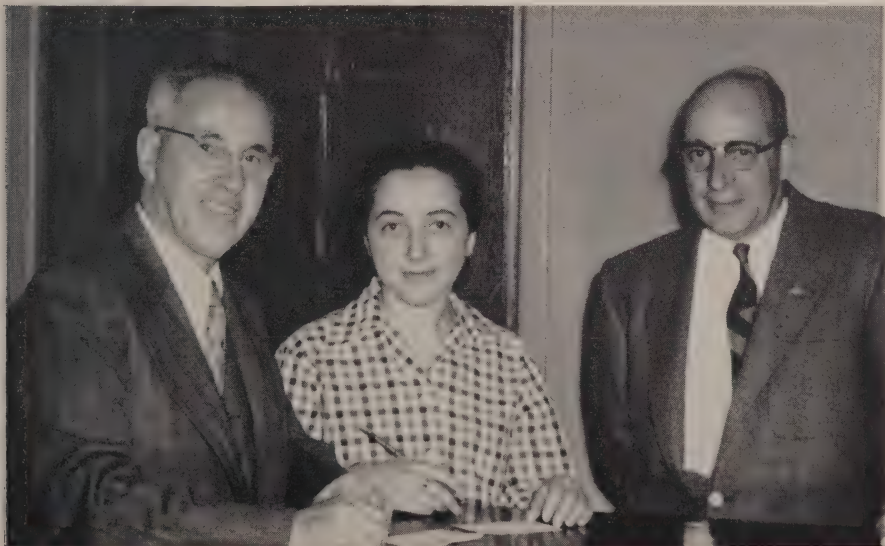
## SALARY AND WAGE COMMITTEE

JAMES HUGH POWERS, *Chairman*

The Committee's work this year was devoted for the most part to the completion of rewriting and reworking rules and regulations into proposed By-Laws. For the past two years the Committee, with special thanks to James H. Powers, has been collecting and selecting personnel laws from Civil Service Codes of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and others. Revision of our own laws and the addition of all other data, as the Committee selected it, was presented in the form of a preliminary report at an open hearing November 3, 1954. The purpose of this hearing was to gain all information and procure all suggestions so that the proposed By-Laws to be presented for a vote at the 1955 Annual Town Meeting would be an agreeable document to all parties concerned. The Committee feels that this group of Personnel By-Laws should serve the Town well and permanently as a guide to committees of the future involved in this important work.

A report on classifications and salaries of Glover Memorial Hospital employees has been prepared and will be presented to the Annual Town Meeting. This report is the result of work of the last two years and is being presented impartially so that the Town Meeting Members may determine the best course to follow in regard to the personnel of The Glover Memorial Hospital.

Needham welcomed Claudine DiWald of Belgium as an exchange student at the high school. With her are Principal William F. Pollard, left, and School Committeeman, Charles E. Greene. A Needham boy or girl will go overseas in the summer of 1955 to complete the exchange.



## Treasurer and Tax Collector

ARNOLD MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer and Tax Collector*



	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
1939	3	\$ 9,585.	\$ 9,546.
1946	2	9,254.	9,091.
1952	2	13,173.	13,096.
1953	2	14,348.	13,649.
1954	2	13,796.	13,284.

Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws of Massachusetts authorizes Towns to incur indebtedness not in excess of 5% of the average net Assessors' valuation of taxable property for the three preceding years. A 1953 amendment to this section provided that with the approval of the Emergency Finance Board the borrowing limit may be increased to 10% of the above valuation.

As of December 31, 1954, the average assessed valuation of the Town of Needham figured in accordance with the formula approved by the State Division of Accounts was \$2,469,196.00 and our total bonded debt was \$4,822,000.00. If it were not for the fact that certain borrowings, principally for schools and water, are considered to be outside the debt limit, it is plain to see that it would be impossible for the Town to vote any further capital expenditures except out of the annual tax rate.

On December 13, 1954, the Special Town Meeting voted a bond issue of \$550,000 for the construction of a new school in "Highland Park". This amount is not included in the total bonded debt shown above.

The 1954 tax levy was \$2,483,005.39 including real estate, personal property, and betterments added to taxes, and on December 31, 1954, 98.20% of this amount had been paid. All 1954 poll taxes have been paid in full, and all 1953 real estate taxes have been paid with the exception of \$280.19 which is due in connection with land taken for highway purposes, and which will be paid by the Commonwealth when final settlements are made with the owners.

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### VOTING—TOWN MEETING

*In 1857 there were 446 legal voters in Needham.*

*In 1881 a law was passed permitting women to vote for School Committee.*

*The first board of Registrars of Voters in Needham was appointed on June 27, 1884.*

*The first recorded elections of a moderator are for the meeting on May 21, 1714.*

*The printed warrant apparently dates from 1844, when the "overseer of the Alms House" was to warn the meeting by "a copy to each farm."*

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## REPORT OF THE TOWN WATER COMMITTEE

HENRY D. HERSEY, *Chairman*

The Town Water Committee met and organized on May 5, 1954. The duties of the committee were to investigate, advise, and consult with the Selectmen on a long-range Town Water Supply and Distribution Policy and also on the organizations, finances, and accounting procedures of the Water Division.

The Committee's studies and various interviews held showed that the present water division facilities are being heavily taxed to meet our yearly average daily requirements, maximum summer requirements and, finally, the National Board of Fire Underwriters' requirements. Even with the emergency Sudbury connection, our present pumping stations and distribution system will only cover our needs for the next five years. Continued improvements in our distribution system with the present pumping facilities will meet our requirements only until 1964 and to the year 2000 if facilities are expanded at the Sudbury connection for use the year round.

To expand our present distribution system from present well field at Charles River Street or from any additional desirable water sources which are not definitely known, would be too costly and also legally impossible from our review of the present statutes.

The committee found the Water Department has been operating the last seven years with an annual deficit of approximately \$36,000, and it is their belief that this department should be self-sustaining. Knowing full well future increased costs for supply and distribution would further increase this deficit, we are proposing a new rate schedule. In reviewing our present individual consumer's demands and by the adoption of this new rate schedule, which we believe to be very equitable, this will give the Town an annual return of approximately \$51,000 new revenue to finance the department's needs. Our proposed minimum rate in comparison with seventeen other towns and one city shows three lower, three the same, and eleven higher. The last water rate increase in Needham was in 1924 with a decrease from these same rates in 1939.

With the rapid and continued growth of our Town, it is obvious the Water Department facilities and operations must, of necessity, expand (as to having proper office space, experienced and well-qualified personnel, equipment, and an efficiently operated billing system as set forth in the committee's full report).

(The committee feels the following recommendations should be adopted with proper Articles inserted where necessary in the Town Warrant for the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting in March, 1955. [Attached is list]).

The committee wishes to call your attention to the full detailed report printed in the Finance Committee's Report for the Annual Town Meeting, (as this report covers only some of the highlights of our studies).

## Recommendations

1. No further development of water sources within this Town should be made, due to statutes forbidding it and the expense involved in enlarging the present capacity, other than via the Sudbury aqueduct connection.
2. Careful consideration should be given to the recommendations of Metcalf & Eddy Engineers in their report of 1954 for improving the distribution system of the Town, particularly with regard to the 12" line along Gould Street, Hunting Road, Reservoir Street, Greendale Avenue, and Washington Avenue; and the 20" line along Webster Street.
3. Provision of suitable funds should be made each year, specifically earmarked for use in improving the distribution system in line with the Metcalf & Eddy Engineers' same report and the Special Committee Report of 1939.
4. Provision should be made in the spring of 1955 to provide connections for a gasoline powered pump at the Sudbury station for use in conjunction with the Diesel unit at the Charles River Street station in case of a general electrical power failure.
5. Serious consideration should be given to the acquisition of a 1,000 g.p.m. pump for use under Item 4 or to pump from Newton or Wellesley in an emergency.
6. The Sudbury pumping house must be enlarged by 1960 to accommodate a heating plant for winter operation. It is suggested that sufficient floor space and piping be provided at that time to cover the requirements for an additional pump which will eventually be needed at this location.
7. Charges for meters, service calls, sprinkler system users and service connections should be effective as soon as feasible with new rate schedule effective July 1, 1955.
8. Meter Program—The Periodic testing and replacement of water meters within a ten-year period.
9. Adoption of our suggestions on organization of the Water Department.
10. That a legislative study be undertaken in connection with the abandonment of water lands.
11. The Town schedule of rates and charges should be reviewed again within the next ten years.

# Town Accountant

MELVILLE W. GRANT, *Town Accountant*

	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1939	1	\$ 4,408.	\$ 4,395.
1946	2	6,774.	6,759.
1952	3	14,898.	14,898.
1953	3	17,641.	17,640.
1954	3	15,330.	15,329.



The above figures for 1954 show a decrease over the previous year. This is due to the purchase of the Burroughs Sensimatic accounting machine in 1953 at a cost of \$2,932.20. The overall cost of operating the town continues to grow, as the following report shows.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, the following reports are submitted. All reports are arranged in accordance with the classification prescribed by the Director of Accounts.

A detailed report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1954 is on file with the Board of Selectmen.

## DEBT STATEMENT

Also Amounts from Principals and Interest During Year 1955

	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	Paid in 1954	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954	Principal Due in 1955	Interest Due in 1955
Broadmeadow School, 1952-72	\$ 630,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 595,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 9,240.00
Dwight School Add. 1951-70	75,000.00	5,000.00	70,000.00	5,000.00	980.00
High Rock School (O.D.L.)					
1951-71 .....	90,000.00	5,000.00	85,000.00	5,000.00	1,402.50
High Rock School 1951-71 ....	245,000.00	15,000.00	230,000.00	15,000.00	3,782.50
High Rock School Add. 1953-72	190,000.00	10,000.00	180,000.00	10,000.00	3,600.00
William Mitchell School 1950-69 .....	345,000.00	25,000.00	320,000.00	25,000.00	5,600.00
Hospital Addition 1947-67 .....	350,000.00	25,000.00	325,000.00	25,000.00	4,875.00
Senior High School Add. 1953-72 .....	1,810,000.00	100,000.00	1,710,000.00	95,000.00	41,040.00
Senior High School — Re-modeling and Reconstruction 1953-72 .....	110,000.00	15,000.00	95,000.00	15,000.00	2,280.00
Sewer Construction 1924-55 ....	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00
Sewer Construction 1947-57 ....	76,000.00	19,000.00	57,000.00	19,000.00	712.50
Sewer Construction 1948-58 ....	100,000.00	20,000.00	80,000.00	20,000.00	1,400.00
Sewer Construction 1949-79 ....	130,000.00	5,000.00	125,000.00	5,000.00	2,187.50
Sewer Construction 1950-58 ....	25,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	280.00
Sewer Construction 1952-62 ....	135,000.00	15,000.00	120,000.00	15,000.00	1,920.00
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Dist. 1952-72 .....	225,000.00	15,000.00	210,000.00	15,000.00	3,360.00
Sewer Construction 1953-72 ....	360,000.00	20,000.00	340,000.00	20,000.00	8,160.00
Streets Construction 1946-56 ....	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
Streets Construction 1951-59 ....	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	382.50
Streets Construction 1952-62 ....	90,000.00	10,000.00	80,000.00	10,000.00	1,280.00
Streets Construction 1953-60 ....	35,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	720.00
Water Storage Tank 1950-56 ....	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	140.00
Water Const. Pumping Station and Mains 1955-59 .....			100,000.00	20,000.00	1,000.00
Total .....	\$5,091,000.00	\$369,000.00	\$4,822,000.00	\$384,000.00	\$ 94,567.50

## Where the Money Came From

	1954	1953
<b>CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1</b> .....	\$ 834,586.41	\$1,042,845.76
<b>GENERAL REVENUE:</b>		
Needham Taxes:		
Poll .....	\$ 10,622.00	\$ 10,222.00
Personal .....	104,778.25	91,835.14
Real .....	2,286,906.44	1,948,319.52
Total Taxes .....	\$2,402,306.69	\$2,050,376.66
From State:		
Corporation Taxes .....	\$ 114,400.41	\$ 112,187.91
Income Taxes .....	21,850.00	86,500.51
School, Chapter 70 .....	141,159.70	71,130.70
Adjustment Metropolitan Park 1949 .....		3.34
Total from State .....	\$ 277,410.11	\$ 269,822.46
Special Assessments:		
Added to Tax Bills:		
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$ 251,841.17	\$ 206,032.07
Sewer .....	27,565.81	19,334.98
Sewer House Connections .....	6,917.88	5,621.63
Sidewalk .....	434.61	420.61
Street .....	7,418.98	7,613.86
Paid in Advance:		
Sewer .....	73,048.38	37,947.25
Sewer House Connections .....	21,038.12	31,032.29
Sidewalk .....	2,893.44	5,757.92
Street .....	37,941.47	14,389.50
Total Special Assessments .....	\$ 429,099.86	\$ 328,150.11
Court Fines: District Court, North Norfolk .....	\$ 429.00	\$ 933.00
Permits and Licenses .....	1,028.75	958.50
Taxes on Land for Water Purposes:		
Brookline, Newton, Wellesley and State .....	352.50	2,245.95
Total Fines, Permits and Water Land Taxes .....	\$ 1,810.25	\$ 4,137.45
Grants and Gifts:		
County:		
Dog Tax and Highway Fund, Roads		
Chapter 90, Construction .....	\$ 8,434.22	\$ 3,866.87
Federal Government:		
Aid to Dependent Children .....	3,506.65	1,767.41
Disability Assistance .....	5,358.00	6,512.40
Old Age Assistance .....	52,721.71	52,110.59
State:		
Adult Civic Education .....	144.00	144.00
Highway Fund, Roads, Chapter 90 .....	11,945.87	1,337.08
Meal Tax .....	3,055.73	2,221.70
Real Estate Taxes, Paraplegics .....	4,382.50	7,789.25
School Construction Aid, Chapter 645-1948 .....	41,330.50	13,147.31
School Transportation .....	12,445.62	13,430.27
Total Grants and Gifts .....	\$ 143,324.80	\$ 102,326.88

# WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS:	1954	1953
Board of Appeals, Hearing Costs .....	\$ 683.05	\$ 357.89
Civil Defense, Sale of Dry Ice .....	48.75	
Glover Memorial Hospital:		
Services .....	306,697.07	280,979.49
Laboratory .....	5,075.84	4,853.90
X-Ray .....	35,281.72	33,736.35
Miscellaneous .....	724.90	464.93
Blue Cross Advance Payments and Interest .....	9,439.19	2,994.00
Health, Communicable Diseases, Dog Clinic, Dental Clinic, Cesspool Fees and Well Child Conference .....	3,256.02	1,981.46
Inspection, Building, Gas, Wiring Fees and Sale of Building By-Laws .....	18,539.58	15,007.75
Library, Fines, Lost and Damaged Books, Registration Fees and Sale of Junk .....	3,176.24	2,752.14
Needham Housing Authority, Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Income, Dedham Ave. ....	10,995.61	7,412.49
Police, Ambulance Services, Bicycle Fees and Revolver Permits .....	991.00	709.50
Planning Board, Hearing Costs .....	286.00	
Public Works, Sale of Maps, Rental of Equipment, Rental of Real Estate, Cleaning House Connections, etc. ....	1,381.95	1,339.31
Recreation, Rosemary Beach and Playground Receipts....	2,093.39	1,602.27
Salvage Contract .....	1,766.62	2,400.00
School:		
Rental of Auditoriums .....	505.00	960.00
Tuition from Cities and Towns, Individuals and State .....	6,463.41	2,215.85
Telephone, Breakage, Lost Books, etc. ....	371.07	360.40
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fees .....	291.00	330.05
Town Clerks, Permits, Certificates, Licenses and Fees .....	6,807.61	6,776.00
Town Hall and Grounds, Miscellaneous Receipts .....	4.65	8.80
Treasurer and Tax Collector, Tax Titles, Sale of Land, Rental of Town Property .....	3,335.24	1,920.25
Parking Meter Receipts .....	9,905.94	9,726.20
Veterans' Services, Reimbursement from State .....	11,720.23	12,004.34
Water:		
Rates .....	125,993.79	126,788.73
Repairs .....	895.25	1,656.38
New Services .....	10,136.36	10,607.85
Connection Fees .....	17,556.62	22,931.73
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	461.58	886.85
Liens .....	208.90	299.10
Welfare:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Receipts from State .....	1,558.67	1,384.23
Disability Assistance:		
Receipts from State .....	5,245.85	6,035.25
Recoveries from Individuals .....	2,100.00	
General Relief Assistance:		
Receipts from Cities and Towns .....	362.00	1,303.70
Receipts from State .....	809.98	684.34
Old Age Assistance:		
Receipts from Cities and Towns .....	4,544.22	3,801.59
Receipts from State .....	49,259.96	44,871.25
Recoveries from Individuals .....	6,480.07	3,676.08
Total Departmental Receipts .....	\$ 665,454.33	\$ 615,820.45

## WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

**SCHOOL FUNDS:**

	1954	1953
Athletic Funds, Receipts Senior and Junior High Schools \$	7,139.28	\$ 7,505.14
Cafeteria Receipts, All Schools .....	89,880.43	76,545.92
Commonwealth of Mass. School Lunch Program .....	24,588.77	20,225.37
Total School Funds .....	\$ 121,608.48	\$ 104,276.43

**MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:**

## Loans Authorized:

High Rock School Addition, Principal, Premium and Interest .....		\$ 190,314.13
Senior High School Addition, Principal, Premium and Interest .....		1,822,487.60
Senior High School Remodeling and Reconstruction, Principal, Premium and Interest .....		110,760.23
Sewer Construction 1953, Principal, Premium and Interest .....		191,286.16
Sewer Construction 1953, Birds Hill, Principal, Premium and Interest .....		171,196.07
Streets Construction 1953, Principal, Premium and Interest .....		35,241.13
Water, Construction Pumping Station and Mains 1954, Principal, Premium and Interest .....	\$ 100,167.78	
Total Municipal Indebtedness .....	\$ 100,167.78	\$2,521,285.32

**BONDS MATURED:**

U. S. Treasury Bills .....	\$2,991,062.00	\$1,492,421.50
Interest .....	8,938.00	7,578.50
Total Bonds Matured .....	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00

**TEMPORARY LOANS:**

## Anticipation Serial Sales:

High Rock School Addition .....		\$ 50,000.00
Senior High School Addition .....		200,000.00
Total Temporary Loans .....		\$ 250,000.00

**INTEREST:**

Betterments, Sewer, Sewer House Connections and Streets \$	14,778.50	\$ 10,612.91
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	131.31	125.31
Poll, Personal and Real .....	1,445.14	1,107.32
Tax Titles .....	123.14	4.23
War Salvage Fund .....	68.59	131.66
Total Interest .....	\$ 16,546.68	\$ 11,981.43

**COSTS:**

Poll, Personal, Real and Motor Vehicle Excise .....	\$ 733.60	\$ 719.35
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**TRUST FUNDS:**

Income .....	\$ 2,819.55	\$ 2,836.63
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**REFUNDS:**

Miscellaneous .....	\$ 705.29	\$ 672.82
Needham Housing Authority .....		3,388.85
	\$ 705.29	\$ 4,061.67

## WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

TRANSFERS:	1954	1953
War Salvage Fund to Senior High School Memorial Library .....	\$ 4,205.04	
<b>WITHHOLDING TAXES:</b>		
Withheld from Employees .....	\$ 230,908.38	\$ 217,006.10
Total .....	\$8,231,687.25	\$9,025,646.70

## Where the Money Went

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	1954	1953
Finance Committee—Salary and Expenses .....	\$ 2,351.95	\$ 1,847.33
Selectmen—Salaries, Expenses and Town Meetings .....	6,233.78	3,574.52
Selectmen—Emergency Hurricane Damage .....	58,966.57	
Selectmen—Civil Defense, Salaries, Expenses and Travel Out of State .....	5,727.58	3,818.31
Selectmen—Remodeling Town Hall Auditorium .....		288.50
Selectmen—Repainting and Repairing Fire and Police Stations .....	493.00	2,429.50
Accounting—Salaries, Expenses and Capital Outlay .....	15,329.65	17,640.83
Treasurer and Tax Collector—Salaries, Expenses, Bonds and Tax Title Expenses .....	13,284.47	13,649.59
Town Clerk—Salaries, Expenses, Fees and Capital Outlay .....	8,053.38	7,672.32
Town Clerk—Census Taking 1955 .....	85.39	
Election and Registration — Salaries, Expenses, Tellers and Canvassers and Capital Outlay .....	11,478.70	8,836.83
Assessors—Salaries, Expenses, Card System and Travel Out of State .....	17,338.71	17,315.95
Legal—Salary, Expenses and Damages .....	6,815.62	4,193.82
Town Hall and Grounds—Salaries and Expenses .....	12,663.12	13,388.71
Town Hall and Grounds—Vault Installation .....		2,785.64
Board of Appeals—Salaries and Expenses .....	1,503.03	1,171.07
Planning Board—Salary and Expenses .....	3,486.24	2,476.63
Salary and Wage Board—Salaries and Expenses .....	882.93	299.03
Total General Government .....	\$ 164,694.12	\$ 101,388.58

### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department:		
Salaries .....	\$ 141,076.69	\$ 123,081.40
Expenses .....	18,917.87	17,573.07
Capital Outlay .....	4,057.09	3,509.30
Addition to Garage .....		1,791.95
Total Police Department .....	\$ 164,051.65	\$ 145,955.72
Fire Department:		
Salaries .....	\$ 165,216.68	\$ 145,757.42
Expenses .....	16,367.14	15,078.16
Capital Outlay .....	2,175.00	10,483.00
Total Fire Department .....	\$ 183,758.82	\$ 171,318.58

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

Miscellaneous Protection:	1954	1953
Fire Alarm—Salaries, Expenses and Capital Outlay ....	\$ 19,749.15	\$ 16,538.25
Forest Warden—Salaries, Expenses and Forest Patrol ..	597.30	595.33
Inspection—Salaries, Expenses and Transportation .....	17,474.87	16,271.02
Animal Inspector—Salary and Transportation .....	526.92	523.98
Dog Officer .....	700.00	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures—Salary, Expenses and Transportation .....	1,416.45	1,509.92
Total Miscellaneous Protection .....	\$ 40,464.69	\$ 35,938.50

### HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Health—Salaries, Expenses, TB X-Ray and Capital Outlay .....	\$ 16,946.86	\$ 12,735.40
Dental Clinic .....	2,295.19	
Garbage Removal .....	24,700.00	17,833.33
Hospitalization .....	4,239.92	4,000.00
Mosquito Control .....	5,821.25	5,651.13
Total Health .....	\$ 54,003.22	\$ 40,219.86

#### Sanitation:

Drains Construction, Art. 25/53 .....		\$ 65,471.61
Drains Construction, Art. 19/54 .....	\$ 34,816.02	
Drains Construction, Art. 30/54 .....	1,378.89	
Drains Construction, Art. 31/54 .....	2,772.63	
Drains Construction, Art. 32/54 .....	672.50	
Drains Construction, Art. 9 S.T.M.-54 .....	4,200.00	
Sewer Construction, Art. 34/52 .....	27,722.54	41,021.91
Sewer Construction, Art. 27/53 .....	70,829.34	128,626.23
Sewer Construction, Art. 28/53 .....	113,837.65	6,071.87
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Area .....	4,552.20	161,104.14
Sewer Construction, Art. 21/54 .....	8,555.18	
Sewer House Connections .....	30,428.92	40,039.60
Total Sanitation .....	\$ 299,765.87	\$ 442,335.36

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Salaries, Wages and Maintenance Expenses .....	\$ 292,188.46	\$ 278,864.81
Capital Outlay .....	9,066.63	
Dutch Elm Disease .....	3,610.88	2,349.47
Equipment—Additional (See Capital Outlay) .....		20,594.00
Equipment—Replacements (See Capital Outlay) .....		11,650.00
Fuller Brook Cleaning .....		700.00
Highway Specific Repairs .....	9,348.28	10,218.08
Moth Control .....	3,635.41	4,941.75
Park Improvements .....	666.12	1,398.75
Parking Meters .....	104.44	212.29
Parking Lot—Railroad .....		189.50
Poison Ivy Control .....	375.82	494.14
Roads, Chapter 90—Construction .....	25,893.50	
Roads, Chapter 90—Maintenance .....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Rosemary Beach and Lake Maintenance (See Recreation) .....		2,835.22
Sidewalk Construction .....	3,500.00	9,279.42
Sidewalk Construction, Great Plain Ave. ....		5,453.39
School Walks .....	6,597.46	
Snow Removal .....	28,657.37	24,986.49
Streets Construction .....	49,924.83	50,819.59

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

	1954	1953
Street Lighting .....	30,428.07	31,558.50
Street Light Installation .....		
Town Forest .....	1,407.87	1,000.00
Traffic Signals—Needham Heights Square .....		2,198.90
Travel Out of State .....	252.63	400.00
Total Public Works .....	\$ 468,657.77	\$ 463,144.30
<b>WATER DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Water Construction—Mains and Services .....	\$ 127,878.67	\$ 142,275.51
Water Main Replacements .....	24,997.97	
Water Supply—Study .....	3,190.73	3,809.27
Water Tank Installation .....		305.40
Water—Construction Pumping Station and Mains .....	50,619.98	
Total Water Department .....	\$ 206,687.35	\$ 146,390.18
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE:</b>		
General Relief—Salaries and Expenses .....	\$ 1,239.81	\$ 1,289.11
General Relief—Assistance .....	6,995.22	4,801.01
Old Age Assistance—Salaries and Expenses .....	12,024.31	9,698.29
Old Age Assistance—Assistance .....	125,576.28	112,773.93
Aid to Dependent Children—Salaries and Expenses .....	852.52	748.56
Aid to Dependent Children—Assistance .....	5,263.06	3,175.50
Disability Assistance—Salaries and Expenses .....	1,956.62	1,361.62
Disability Assistance—Assistance .....	12,784.37	13,981.87
Total Public Welfare .....	\$ 166,692.19	\$ 147,829.89
<b>VETERANS' SERVICES:</b>		
Veterans' Services—Salaries, Expenses and Transportation .....	\$ 6,664.29	\$ 6,910.10
Veterans' Benefits .....	28,238.66	24,370.53
Total Veterans' Services .....	\$ 34,902.95	\$ 31,280.63
<b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Salaries .....	\$ 824,721.54	\$ 708,114.85
Auxiliary Agencies .....	13,927.46	12,200.15
Expenses of Instructions .....	42,792.31	38,269.78
General Control .....	2,709.00	2,648.14
Maintenance .....	45,206.68	49,812.36
Operating Expenses .....	56,589.06	43,420.56
Outlay .....	20,032.32	25,811.86
Travel Out of State .....	906.69	486.80
Transportation, Pupils .....	32,405.73	28,707.68
Adult Civic Education .....	389.00	410.81
Vocational Tuition .....	4,513.59	3,613.05
Total School .....	\$1,044,193.38	\$ 913,496.04
Study Additional School Needs .....		\$ 400.00
<b>School Funds:</b>		
Athletic Expenses—Senior and Junior High .....	\$ 7,678.65	\$ 7,613.11
Cafeteria Expenses .....	116,310.81	100,106.41
Total School Funds .....	\$ 123,989.46	\$ 107,719.52

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:	1954	1953
Avery School Playgrounds .....	\$ 134.74	\$ 5,865.23
Broadmeadow School Plans and Specifications .....		241.18
Broadmeadow School—Construction .....	3,874.00	210,979.96
Broadmeadow School—Drains .....		4,722.06
Dwight School Addition Construction .....		1,192.90
Dwight School—Repair and Reconstruction .....		167.57
Dwight School — Repairs, Replacement, Furniture and Equipment .....		94.23
Dwight School—Purchase of Kitchen Equipment .....		982.00
Harris School District—Plans and Specifications .....	58.23	
Highland Park School—Plans and Specifications .....	2,904.55	
High Rock School—Construction .....	2.85	4,306.34
High Rock School—Playgrounds .....	8,404.29	301.28
High Rock School Addition—Plans and Specifications ..		6,762.52
High Rock School Addition—Construction .....	79,990.66	142,637.88
William Mitchell and Stephen Palmer Schools — Play-grounds .....	819.13	6,180.87
Stephen Palmer School—Cafeteria .....	294.40	119.31
Senior High School Addition—Plans and Specifications ..	180.68	39.36
Senior High School Addition—Construction .....	873,926.17	825,560.68
Senior High School Addition—Remodeling and Recon-struction .....	63,659.76	24,775.14
Junior High School Addition—Plans and Specifications ..	201.46	
Total School Construction .....	\$1,034,450.92	\$1,234,928.51

## LIBRARY:

Salaries .....	\$ 27,630.71	\$ 25,573.40
Bindings, Expenses and Supplies .....	3,313.61	2,879.80
Books and Periodicals .....	8,917.72	8,197.71
Building Maintenance .....	2,738.25	4,530.31
Branch Library—Rent .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Capital Outlay .....	695.30	
Travel Out of State .....		25.20
John B. Tolman Fund .....	975.39	784.56
William H. Wye Fund .....	70.09	
Total Library .....	\$ 45,341.07	\$ 42,990.98

## GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

Salaries .....	\$ 258,556.83	\$ 224,353.47
Building Maintenance .....	29,058.95	26,532.75
Capital Outlay .....	9,813.59	
Expenses .....	9,284.79	8,363.18
Equipment and Supplies .....	92,177.61	85,508.33
Travel Out of State .....	300.00	300.00
X-Ray and Laboratory .....	17,915.44	17,893.28
Blue Cross Reserve Fund .....	9,248.07	
Total Hospital .....	\$ 426,355.28	\$ 362,951.01

## RECREATION:

Memorial Park:		
Salaries and Expenses .....	\$ 8,499.64	\$ 9,230.50
Capital Outlay .....	1,351.00	960.00
Fence .....	400.00	

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

Recreation:	1954	1953
Salaries .....	15,994.25	13,741.50
Services .....	4,788.56	4,115.90
Capital Outlay .....	884.30	
Cricket Field .....	5,000.00	
Special Expenses .....		503.55
River Park Playgrounds .....	49.62	1,458.53
Rosemary Beach and Lake Maintenance .....	2,954.27	
Total Recreation .....	\$ 39,921.64	\$ 30,009.98

## MISCELLANEOUS:

Annuities—Gaughan, Haddock and McLeod .....	\$ 4,135.02	\$ 4,135.02
Annuity—Chapter 32, Section 58—Frost .....	3,055.00	1,527.50
Care of Soldiers' Graves .....	800.00	800.00
Committee—Building By-Laws .....	153.10	
Contributory Retirement—Contribution .....	34,126.00	33,522.00
Contributory Retirement—Expenses .....	700.00	550.00
Insurance Premiums .....	42,567.49	43,027.60
Memorial Day Expenses .....	443.82	423.63
Purchase of Land:		
H. S. Baldelli .....	600.00	
D. R. Gherm—Ghelli .....	5,000.00	
H. W. Gould and E. W. Starrett, Jr. ....		716.00
James A. Massie .....	520.00	
J. Moffatt .....	3,799.00	
Emily A. Muller .....		200.00
Frederick B. Philbrick .....	100.00	4,700.00
Reimbursement—Norfolk County Jail .....	200.00	
Town Reports .....	3,131.16	3,281.99
Town Property—Betterments .....	3,489.26	11,623.34
Town Property—Tax Payments .....	58.93	293.45
Unclassified—Miscellaneous Expenses .....	227.92	328.32
Unpaid Bills—Prior Years .....	105.58	784.11
Total Miscellaneous .....	\$ 103,212.28	\$ 105,912.96

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Maturing Debt. ....	\$ 369,000.00	\$ 219,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt .....	100,712.50	44,937.50
Total Municipal Indebtedness .....	\$ 469,712.50	\$ 263,937.50

## OTHER EXPENDITURES:

Norfolk County Hospital .....	\$ 31,394.43	\$ 27,966.20
Norfolk County Tax .....	50,138.87	54,870.03
Refunds and Transfers .....	21,177.87	36,940.20
State Tax and Assessments .....	55,693.97	59,216.51
U. S. Treasury Bills .....	1,496,616.00	2,986,867.50
Withholding Tax .....	230,908.38	237,051.75
Total Other Expenses .....	\$1,885,929.52	\$3,402,912.19
Total Expenditures for the Year .....	\$6,956,784.68	\$8,191,060.29
Cash on Hand December 31 .....	1,274,902.57	834,586.41
Total .....	\$8,231,687.25	\$9,025,646.70

## BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1954

## General Accounts

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
CASH ON HAND—DECEMBER 31, 1954 .....		RESERVE FOR PETTY CASH .....	
	\$1,274,902.57		\$ 475.00
ADVANCES FOR PETTY CASH:		TRUST FUND INCOME:	
Health .....	10.00	Barr, Library Fund .....	\$ 6.25
Hospital .....	100.00	Dwight, School Fund .....	200.00
Library .....	20.00	T. Otis Fuller, Hospital Fund .....	1,077.49
School, Senior High .....	50.00	Greenwood, Library Fund .....	329.98
School, Superintendent's Office .....	50.00	Lyon, Hospital Fund .....	703.28
Tax Collector .....	100.00	Mary E. Moseley, Hospital Fund .....	752.09
Town Clerk .....	35.00	John B. Tolman, Library Fund .....	2,159.07
Treasurer .....	50.00	William H. Wye, Library Fund .....	23.46
Veterans' Service .....	50.00		
Welfare .....	10.00		
	475.00		5,251.62
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		DOG LICENSES:	
Taxes 1952:		Due County .....	93.00
Real .....			
Taxes 1953:	\$ 6.60	EXCESS, SALE OF LAND .....	
Real .....		Chapter 60, Section 79 .....	81.22
Taxes 1954:			
Personal .....	2,301.25	LOANS AUTHORIZED, UNISSUED 1954:	
Real .....	40,938.51	Construction Elementary School, Highland	
Chapter 59, Section 5A .....	284.80	Park .....	550,000.00
	43,524.56		
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:		OVERLAY, RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS:	
Taxes 1954 .....	31,580.21	Overlay 1953 .....	1,339.41
		OVERLAY SURPLUS, RESERVE FUND:	3,121.05
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		PARKING METER, RECEIPTS .....	30,835.05
Sidewalk:		RESERVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE .....	14,750.00
Added to Taxes 1954 .....	\$ 39.22		
Unapportioned .....	2,740.05		

# Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1954—continued

## Assets

Street:	
Added to Taxes 1954 .....	\$ 344.23
Unapportioned .....	90,624.63
Sewer:	
Added to Taxes 1953 .....	\$ 18.55
Added to Taxes 1954 .....	830.87
Unapportioned .....	89,351.25
Sewer House Connections:	
Added to Taxes 1954 .....	\$ 66.93
Unapportioned .....	20,628.52
Committed Interest:	
Added to Taxes 1954 .....	113.71
Sewer Committed Interest:	
Added to Taxes 1953 .....	\$ 5.19
Added to Taxes 1954 .....	251.55

## TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:

Tax Titles .....	\$ 654.03
Tax Possessions .....	835.44

## DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Assessors .....	\$ 2,088.75
Health .....	1,120.00
Hospital, Laboratory .....	255.40
Hospital, Services .....	40,045.85
Hospital, X-Ray .....	7,449.00
Police .....	205.00
Public Works .....	978.58
School .....	191.20
Veterans' Benefits .....	5,954.38
Welfare, Aid Dependent Children .....	593.54
Welfare, General Relief .....	840.37
Welfare, Old Age Assistance .....	378.90

## Liabilities and Reserves

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	\$ 31,580.21
Special Assessments:	
Committed Interest .....	113.71
Sewer .....	90,200.67
Sewer Committed Interest .....	256.74
Sewer House Connections .....	20,695.45
Sidewalks .....	2,779.27
Streets .....	90,968.86
Departmental .....	60,100.97
Tax Titles .....	654.03
Tax Possessions .....	835.44
Taxes on Deceased Persons .....	284.80
Water .....	32,318.92

## SEWER ASSESSMENT RECEIPTS RESERVE:

Sewer Construction Reserve Fund .....	110,405.66
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## SURPLUS REVENUE:

Excess and Deficiency .....	422,287.73
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## TAILINGS, UNCLAIMED CHECKS .....

21.90

## WATER DEPOSITS, CONNECTION FEES

2,036.14

## WELFARE RECOVERIES:

Disability Assistance .....	\$ 2,100.00
Old Age Assistance .....	10,156.15

## APPROPRIATION, UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

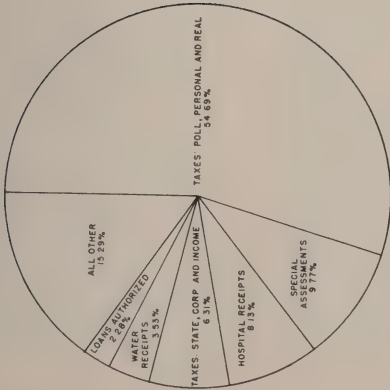
Selectmen, Town Hall Auditorium .....	288.00
Selectmen, Painting Fire and Police Station Building .....	1,001.50
Selectmen, Repairs, Fire and Police Station Building .....	276.00
Civil Defense, Capital Outlay .....	1,000.00
Town Clerk, Census Taking 1955 .....	3,414.61

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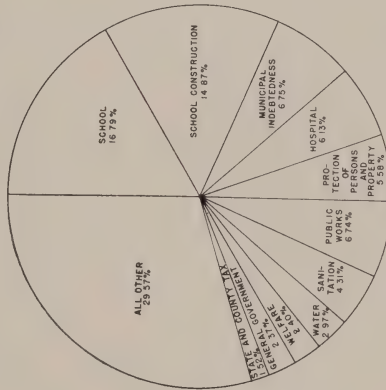
## Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1954—continued

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
WATER:		Assessors, Card System .....	6.88
Water, Rates .....	\$ 22,818.28	Planning Board Expenses .....	700.20
Water, Repairs .....	486.60	Fire, George Deen Fund .....	20.09
Water, New Services .....	2,854.85		
Water, Miscellaneous .....	191.65	Drains Construction:	
Water, Connection Fees .....	5,967.54	Article 19/54 .....	3,083.98
		Article 30/54 .....	13,621.11
		Article 31/54 .....	2,227.37
		Article 32/54 .....	9,327.50
		Article 4/54 S.T.M. ....	20,000.00
REVENUE 1955:		Sewer Construction:	
Committed in 1954 .....		Article 34/52 .....	4,094.74
		Article 27/53 .....	25,544.43
LOANS AUTHORIZED 1954:		Article 21/54 .....	59,654.67
Construction Elementary School, Highland		Birds Hill .....	80,090.48
Park .....		Fuller Brook .....	202.87
		Highway Specific Repairs .....	11,266.34
OVERLAY:		Roads Chapter 90 Construction .....	4,106.50
Deficit 1952 .....	\$ 464.20	School Walks .....	4,277.54
Deficit 1954 .....	3,096.77	Streets Constructions .....	9,866.96
		Street Light Installation .....	1,175.88
		Water, Construction Pumping Station and	
		Mains .....	49,380.02
HURRICANE DAMAGE 1954:		Water, Purchase from M.D.C. ....	2,400.00
Emergency Repairs Acts 1954, Chap. 689,		School Adult Civic Education .....	100.74
Sect. 4 .....		School, George Deen Fund .....	61.50
		Study Additional School Needs .....	551.80
		Broadmeadow School Construction .....	1,981.72
		Harris School, All Purpose Room, Plans	
		and Specifications .....	941.77
		Highland Park School:	
		Plans and Specifications .....	2,095.45
		Construction .....	22,500.00
		High Rock School, Construction Original	
		Building .....	1,652.56
		High Rock School, Addition:	
		Plans and Specifications .....	3,237.48
		Construction .....	30,171.46
		Playground, Construction .....	1,794.43

Assets



Where the money came from



Where the money went

Liabilities and Reserves

Senior High School, Addition:	
Plans and Specifications .....	235.44
Construction .....	324,513.15
Remodeling and Reconstruction .....	65,565.10
Senior High, Memorial Library .....	4,504.61
Junior High Addition:	
Plans and Specifications .....	4,798.54
Option on Land .....	1,000.00
School Athletic Funds:	
Senior High .....	3,332.27
Junior High .....	17.36
Hospital, Blue Cross Reserve .....	191.12
Recreation:	
Cricketer Field, Improvement .....	4,000.00
River Park Playgrounds .....	391.85
Committees:	
Study Building By-Laws .....	96.95
Special Parks and Recreation .....	1,600.00
Honor Roll, Maintenance .....	910.09
Land Taking, Babson Park .....	41.69
Acquisition of Land, Eminent Domain:	
Anne G. Baxter .....	1,000.00
Highland Park .....	30.00
Needham Real Estate Assoc. ....	1.00
Easement Overland:	
E. C. Thorpe et al .....	3.00
Sudbury Aqueduct .....	250.00
Purchase of Land, River Park .....	803.74
Railroad, Right of Way .....	1.00
Town Insurance Fund .....	17,500.00
Sudbury Aqueduct, Fence .....	750.00
Norfolk County Tax:	
Overestimate .....	803,653.49
Norfolk County Hospital:	
Overestimate .....	8,321.24
State Tax and Assessments:	
Overestimate .....	388.91
TOTAL .....	3,590.35
	<u>\$2,299,696.99</u>

TOTAL .....

\$2,299,696.99

# Special Accounts

## Deferred Revenue, Debt Accounts and Trust Funds

### DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

Apportioned Assessments Due:

	Sidewalk	Street	Sewer	Sewer House Connections
Due in 1954 .....			\$ 160.51	
Due in 1955 .....	\$392.46	\$ 6,741.82	25,435.92	\$ 6,338.69
Due in 1956 .....	374.14	6,741.82	25,394.54	6,253.60
Due in 1957 .....	363.38	6,741.82	25,387.09	6,037.43
Due in 1958 .....	247.04	4,654.53	24,081.52	5,406.19
Due in 1959 .....	121.92	4,654.53	22,916.41	4,928.49
Due in 1960 .....	75.71	4,036.80	20,682.71	4,148.32
Due in 1961 .....	44.14	3,475.06	17,173.33	3,359.78
Due in 1962 .....	33.44	3,469.58	16,066.12	2,799.12
Due in 1963 .....	28.17		9,596.59	1,893.83
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,680.40</b>	<b>\$40,515.96</b>	<b>\$186,894.74</b>	<b>\$41,165.45</b>

### DEBT ACCOUNTS:

	1954	1953
Broadmeadow School 1952-1972 .....	\$ 595,000.00	\$ 630,000.00
Dwight School Addition 1951-1970 .....	70,000.00	75,000.00
High Rock School (O.D.L.) 1951-1971 .....	85,000.00	90,000.00
High Rock School 1951-1971 .....	230,000.00	245,000.00
High Rock School Addition 1953-1972 .....	180,000.00	190,000.00
William Mitchell School 1950-1969 .....	320,000.00	345,000.00
Hospital Addition 1947-1967 .....	325,000.00	350,000.00
Senior High School Addition 1953-1972 .....	1,710,000.00	1,810,000.00
Senior High School, Remodeling and Reconstruction 1953-1972 .....	95,000.00	110,000.00
Sewer Construction 1924-1955 .....	5,000.00	10,000.00
Sewer Construction 1947-1957 .....	57,000.00	76,000.00
Sewer Construction 1948-1958 .....	80,000.00	100,000.00
Sewer Construction 1949-1979 .....	125,000.00	130,000.00
Sewer Construction 1950-1958 .....	20,000.00	25,000.00
Sewer Construction 1952-1962 .....	120,000.00	135,000.00
Sewer Construction, Fuller Brook Dist. 1952-1972 .....	210,000.00	225,000.00
Sewer Construction 1953-1972 .....	340,000.00	360,000.00
Streets Construction 1946-1956 .....	10,000.00	15,000.00
Streets Construction 1951-1959 .....	25,000.00	30,000.00
Streets Construction 1952-1962 .....	80,000.00	90,000.00
Streets Construction 1953-1960 .....	30,000.00	35,000.00
Water Storage Tank 1950-1956 .....	10,000.00	15,000.00
Water Construction, Pumping Station and Mains 1955-1959 .....	109,000.00	
<b>Total Debt</b> .....	<b>\$4,822,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,091,000.00</b>

### TRUST FUNDS:

Martha Ann Barr Fund .....	\$ 500.00
Margaret E. Chase Fund .....	213.59
Horace A. Carter Fund .....	1,032.06
Dwight School Fund .....	6,000.00
T. Otis Fuller Fund .....	7,000.00
Myra Greenwood Fund .....	12,482.11
Adeline E. Harris Fund .....	133.18
Mary Virginia E. Hill Fund .....	1,435.70
Glover Memorial Hospital Permanent Donation Fund .....	22,005.83
Harold William Low Fund .....	1,270.11
The Lyon Fund .....	5,000.00
Mary J. Millett Fund .....	8,652.76
Dr. William Mitchell Fund .....	549.10
Mary E. Moseley Fund .....	4,290.00
William G. Moseley Fund .....	4,508.14
Needham Cemetery Investment Fund .....	1,000.00
Needham Military Band Inc. Fund .....	607.20
Thomas Sutton Fund .....	1,274.66
John B. Tolman Fund .....	70,000.00
John B. Walker Fund .....	3,092.16
George E. Wye Fund .....	12,542.84
William H. Wye Fund .....	1,000.00
<b>Total Cash and Securities</b> .....	<b>\$164,589.44</b>

# Jury List – 1954-1955

Natalie B. Ackroyd	Housewife	245 Hillcrest Road
Barbara B. Adams	Housewife	71 Lindbergh Avenue
James W. Adams	Office Manager	40 Coulton Park
Roger K. Akerman	Ins. Underwriter	343 High Rock Street
Douglas Allart	Engineer	395 High Rock Street
Edward Alpert	Engineer	18 Frances Street
John M. Anderson	Salesman	27 Laurel Drive
Robert H. Arnold	Compositor	62 Ardmore Street
Joseph H. Asprey	Prod. Engineer	68 Clarke Circle
Thaddeus Batylda	Machinist	40 Deerfield Street
Elsie A. Bell	Housewife	44 Bennington Street
Donald T. Bentley	Service Man	305 Dedham Avenue
George F. Bettencourt	Life Insurance	136 Valley Road
Frank J. Beuerman	Sales Manager	134 Laurel Drive
Kenneth N. Birkett	Clerk	62 Kimball Street
Gwendoline Bishop	Housewife	50 Booth Street
Galen A. Bloom	Salesman	1281 Great Plain Avenue
John Bolinger	Clerk	177 Great Plain Avenue
C. Parkhurst Bond	Accountant	855 Great Plain Avenue
Ruth Bryant	Asst. Town Clerk	12 Enslin Road
Mary C. Buckley	Housewife	7 Greenwood Avenue
Marion C. Burnham	Housewife	191 Manning Street
John V. Cahill	Distributor	45 Dogwood Lane
John M. Calkins	Salesman	41 Truman Place
Malcolm E. Carder	Retired	241 Nehoiden Street
Laura M. Carpenter	Housewife	41 Greenwood Avenue
William Lee Carter	Asst. Vice Pres.	11 Lindbergh Avenue
Vincent Casey	Salesman	133 Laurel Drive
Margaret J. Cashman	Retired	50 Frances Street
Ethel B. Chamberlain	Housewife	95 Concord Street
Charles R. Chambers	Engineer	93 Clarke Circle
Ellen R. Chenard	Housewife	89 Melrose Avenue
Francis Coburn	Sales Manager	93 Hawthorn Avenue
Charles R. Colby	Administrator	38 Arch Street
Harold F. Cooke	Foreman	67 Ellicott Street
Jean B. Cooper	Housewife	65 Stockdale Road
Roderick Cowles	Chem. Engineer	1541 Great Plain Avenue
Rosi Cronan	Housewife	7 Utica Road
William G. Crook	Dist. Manager	249 Nehoiden Street
Richard V. Cutcliffe	Cable Splicer	137 Fairfield Street
Ethel C. Cutler	Saleslady	403 Central Avenue
A. Richard Daniels	Engineer	82 Gayland Road
William C. Daniels	Store Manager	18 Dale Street
Frederick J. Davis	Sales Manager	72 Douglas Road
Margaret A. Dawson	Housewife	5 Alfreton Road
Jessie D. Day	Housewife	59 Fairfield Street
Joseph M. DeSimone, Jr.	Salesman	206 Great Plain Avenue
Harold A. Dickert	Printer	131 Washington Avenue
Grace L. Dimock	Housewife	65 Henderson Street
Germaine L. Doisneau	Housewife	32 Hoover Road
Theodore P. Domohowski	Garage Owner	38 Dogwood Lane
Harriet P. Donald	Housewife	62 Charles River Street
Thomas Dorsey	Ford Motor	3 Ferndale Road
Edmond F. DuBois	Merchant	113 Dedham Avenue
Richard Dunham	Cabinet Maker	1426 Great Plain Avenue
John J. Dunn	Mech. Engineer	15 Mellen Street
Elizabeth D. Durham	Housewife	37 Burnside Road
Adams B. Dutton	Own Business	17 Parkland Road
Gloria E. Dwyer	Housewife	83 Hawthorn Avenue
Elmer Dyer	Ins. Agent	115 Beaufort Avenue

## JURY LIST—Continued

William B. Dyson	Clerk	22 Oakland Avenue
Henry W. Eaton	Insurance	18 Edgewood Street
Maude A. Emmons	Housewife	98 Hawthorn Avenue
Theodore D. Etchings	Manager	36 Greendale Avenue
Harold Folsom	Salesman	144 Valley Road
Richard M. Fraser	Salesman	3 Arden Street
Frederick Garrison	Purchasing Agent	20 Glendale Road
William H. Gay	Salesman	305 Warren Street
Harvey E. Genereaux	Stage Manager	59 Beaufort Avenue
Claire W. Giles	Housewife	43 Lincoln Street
Vera Gledhill	Housewife	48 Dartmouth Avenue
Gertrude F. Godfrey	Housewife	92 Grant Street
Robert H. Green	Manager	229 Manning Street
Walter Greymont	Architect	137 Hawthorn Avenue
Mark G. Grogan	Accountant	109 Maple Street
Chester H. Hall	Salesman	33 Lewis Street
Charlotte I. Halpin	At Home	36 Douglas Road
Newton Hanscom	Prod. Manager	1360 Great Plain Avenue
Jessie L. Hardy	Housewife	100 Warren Street
Edward M. Harriman	Executive	67 Maple Street
Marguerite J. Hartwell	Housewife	20 Pinewood Road
Warren N. Hatch	Musician	116 Forest Street
Philip R. Hayes	Insurance	178 High Rock Street
John Healey	Mfg. Repres.	407 High Rock Street
Hazel L. Hewitt	Housewife	50 Country Way
Harry L. Heymann	Retired	325 Manning Street
James J. Higgins	Insurance	36 Robinwood Avenue
Lillian Hoffman	Housewife	30 Livingston Circle
Gladys L. Hollis	Housewife	30 DeFrancesco Circle
Helen T. Horner	Housewife	100 Marked Tree Road
William Horner	Insurance	18 Brookside Road
Paul G. Hudson	Purch. Agent	79 Washington Avenue
Bessie H. Hunt	Housewife	256 Great Plain Avenue
Augustus S. Hutchinson	Retired	340 Brookline Street
Mary M. Hyland	Housewife	36 Melrose Avenue
E. Morton Jennings, Jr.	Banker	454 Grove Street
Samuel H. Johnson	Retired	90 Forest Street
Delia Jones	Housewife	7 Beaufort Avenue
Norman O. Jones	Sales Engineer	1095 Highland Avenue
Marie A. Jordan	Housewife	41 Hawthorn Avenue
Marian F. Keith	Housewife	193 Hillcrest Road
John Kenefick	Revenue Agent	27 Longacre Road
John P. Kenney	Builder	495 South Street
Victoria M. Kohanek	Housewife	56 Brookline Street
Christine C. Kohr	Housewife	31 Fairfield Street
Richard Kullberg	Carpet Company	61 Oakcrest Road
John W. Lacy	Machine Shop	14 LaSalle Road
Louis D. LaFlamme	Engineer	95 Thornton Road
Gertrude B. Latour	At Home	89 May Street
Irene Lee	Housewife	238 Great Plain Avenue
Octave Lembree	Salesman	15 Concord Street
Ethel M. Leland	Housewife	12 Bradford Street
Estelle B. Leonard	Housekeeper	11 McCulloch Street
Herbert A. Lindenberg	Editor	11 Village Lane
Francis S. Lindskog	Mailer	334 Brookline Street
William J. Linehan	Ins. Examiner	11 North Hill Avenue
Harold Littlefield	Contractor	41 Rae Avenue
Anna T. Lynch	Housewife	1 Dartmouth Avenue
William N. Lyons	Salesman	80 Douglas Road
Bertha E. Maass	Housewife	31 Birds Hill Avenue
Robert L. Magee	Engineer	29 Lois Lane
Evelyn K. Martin	Housewife	308 Webster Street

## JURY LIST—Continued

Donald P. Masher	Civil Engineer	1112 Greendale Avenue
William Matthews	Florist	44 Longacre Road
R. W. McConnochie, Jr.	Training Asst.	130 Brookline Street
George T. McGuire	Asst. Foreman	16 Emerson Place
William M. McKnight	Auditor	207 Great Plain Avenue
Wallace McLaughlin	Traffic Eng.	301 Hillcrest Road
Thomas C. McNamara	Publisher	11 Briarwood Circle
Margaret S. Menard	Clerk	4 Doane Avenue
Helen R. Metzger	Housewife	40 Richdale Road
James T. Mills	Salesman	112 Barrett Street
Joseph G. Mitchell, Jr.	Salesman	1280 Great Plain Avenue
Fred H. Morse	Retired	1665 Great Plain Avenue
Eva A. Mullally	Housewife	98 Bird Street
Owen Murphy	Insurance Exec.	219 Highgate Street
David P. Nagle	Auditor	21 Wyoming Avenue
Marie Neilson	Clerk	104 Highgate Street
Martha Neilson	Housewife	300 Great Plain Avenue
James B. O'Brien	Consultant	40 Walnut Street
William O'Brien	Accountant	1019 Greendale Avenue
Bertha Oklund	Housewife	39 Bancroft Street
Robert A. Olinder	Real Estate	435 Dedham Avenue
Meriam B. Packard	Clerk	3 Doane Avenue
Sarah J. Parkinson	Housekeeper	78 Warren Street
Francis I. Patterson	Accountant	10 Glen Gary Road
William H. Patton	Sales Manager	43 Whittier Road
Grace Pearson	Retired	58 Fairview Road
Emil W. Pederson	Auto Mechanic	19 Central Avenue
Frank J. Peters	Retired	4 Longfellow Road
Halbert E. Pierce, Jr.	Elec. Engineer	50 Norfolk Street
J. Robert Potter	Engineer	125 Broad Meadow Road
Francis L. Pratt	Wool Salesman	56 Ardmore Street
Mary Elizabeth Rankin	Housewife	61 Forest Street
Frederick Reardon	Salesman	84 Ardmore Street
Donald C. Reynolds	Funeral Director	53 Gayland Road
Hereward A. Reynolds	Sales Engineer	69 Clarke Circle
Powell Robinson, Jr.	Banker	307 Great Plain Avenue
Betty Rosenkrans	Bookkeeper	855 Great Plain Avenue
Colin M. Ross	Retailer	34 Country Way
John C. Ruddy	Salesman	120 Ardmore Street
Frederick W. Ruhl	Sales Repres.	64 Berkshire Road
Paul B. Samuelson	Supt.	31 Old Farm Road
Alice L. Schmalz	Housewife	25 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Robert L. Schneider	Banking	49 Kenney Street
Iris Schnetzer	Housewife	98 Grosvenor Road
Consuelo C. Schofield	Deputy Assessor	98 Lincoln Street
Harold G. Scudder	Retired	43 Horace Street
Herbert F. Sears	Salesman	384 High Rock Street
Mary A. Sears	Housewife	586 Central Avenue
William Shirar	Retired	12 Mills Road
Harry Shapiro	Musician	28 Bird Street
Frank T. Smith, Jr.	Civil Eng.	101 Lincoln Street
Lillian Spiller	Housewife	8 James Avenue
Kenneth A. Steadman	Insurance Adjuster	55 Grant Street
James W. Stevenson	Salesman	46 Emerson Road
Dorothy E. Stockel	Housewife	1092 Central Avenue
Harold J. Stubbs	Assistant Manager	233 Warren Street
Forest Sundberg	Accountant	127 Highgate Street
Thorsten H. Swanson	Const. Supt.	439 Greendale Avenue
Bertha Le H. Swett	Housewife	53 Mt. Vernon Street
Elizabeth A. Symonds	Housewife	85 Pine Street
Nelson A. Talmadge	Accountant	161 Melrose Avenue
George Tarallo	Stamp Collector	76 Ardmore Street

## JURY LIST—Continued

Charles S. Tarr	Engineer	12 May Street
Warren G. Thorpe	Appraiser	58 Bradford Street
Herbert S. Thurston	Printer	18 Holland Street
Francis H. Toohill	Tel. Installer	524 Great Plain Avenue
Louis N. Tougas	Salesman	26 Gordon Road
George W. Trumbour	Retired	198 Manning Street
Alfred Turner	Self Employed	607 High Rock Street
Helene C. Turner	Housewife	28 Evans Road
John L. Turner	Elec. Engineer	30 Frances Street
Richard E. Tuttle	Service Manager	224 Warren Street
Ann Vertinski	Homemaker	14 Longacre Road
Theodore W. Watson	Oper. Supt.	365 Warren Street
Paul Weber	Food Broker	74 Eaton Road
Harold Wetmore	Elec. Engineer	398 High Rock Street
Francis P. Wilcox	Executive	1129 Webster Street
Laura Willgoose	At Home	1290 Great Plain Avenue
George E. Williams	Bank Clerk	44 Glendale Road
Edward A. Williamson	Elec. Engineer	47 May Street
Ethel M. Wingate	Housewife	45 Village Lane
Frank H. Winter	Manager	45 Oak Knoll Terrace
Mildred B. Woodwell	Housewife	47 Beaufort Avenue
Miles E. Woodworth	Engineer	48 Woodlawn Avenue
Blanche S. Worth	Housewife	48 Pinewood Road
Donald J. Young	Engineer	34 Glendoon Road

## Town Officers—1954-1955

## ELECTED

## MODERATOR

Harold Putnam

## SELECTMEN

Everett C. Cross, 1956, *Vice Chairman*Edward J. Stewart, 1957, *Chairman*Philip F. Foss, 1955, *Secretary*

## TOWN CLERK

Marian S. Peterson, 1956

## ASSESSORS

A. Sterling Holt, 1956, *Secretary*Arthur H. Godfrey, 1955, *Chairman*

David Murdock, 1957

## TOWN TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

Arnold Mackintosh, 1956

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Doratheia M. Willgoose, 1956

Meyer J. Gordon, 1955, *Chairman*

Catherine L. Larson, 1957

William A. Mann, 1955

Ralph L. Bixby, 1957

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Charles E. Greene, 1955

John Barr Dolan, 1956, *Chairman*

Dorothy A. Field, 1957

Daniel H. Rider, 1955, *Vice Chairman*

John H. Bush, 1956

Helen E. White, 1957

## TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL PARK

Samuel D. Low, 1956†

Thomas J. Crossman, 1957, *Chairman*

Amos H. Shepherdson, 1955

Paul B. Richwagen, 1956

Ronald D. Lowden, 1955\*\*

Lester C. Huse, 1955

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Marion L. Johnson, 1955, *Vice Chairman*  
 Laura G. Willgoose, 1956  
 Fred G. Atchison, 1957

Harry W. Kimball, 1955, *Chairman*  
 Arthur L. King, 1956  
 Helen B. Eastman, 1957

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Kenneth Christophe, 1957, *Secretary*

David E. Mann, 1956, *Chairman*  
 Leslie B. Cutler, 1955

**PLANNING BOARD**

George M. Wile, 1958, *Secretary*  
 Irving H. Cowdrey, 1956  
 Louis B. Wetmore, 1955\*\*

Edward I. Bower, 1959, *Chairman*  
 S. Stephen Chapman, 1957, *Secretary\**  
 Robert L. Woodbury, 1955

**NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Wilbar Whittemore, 1956, *Treasurer*  
 Leslie Wicken, 1955, *Assistant Treasurer\*\**  
 Harmon Shufro, 1958, *Vice Chairman*  
 Joseph M. Mastropieri, 1956 (appointed by the State)

Ralph E. Chambers, 1959, *Chairman*  
 Robert W. S. Cox, 1955, *Chairman\**

**COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**

Roger W. Nutt, 1956

Vernal E. Kezer, 1957  
 Amos H. Shepherdson, 1955

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Nelson A. Talmadge, 1956, *Vice Chairman*

Robert J. Latham, 1957, *Chairman*  
 Helen B. Richwagen, 1955, *Secretary*

**CONSTABLES**

Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.  
 William W. Hewett

**TOWN AGENTS**

Edward J. Stewart

Everett C. Cross  
 Philip F. Foss

**MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

Frederick A. Whetton

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Neil A. Burgess  
 Elaine Cederval  
 Aurelia DiMizio  
 Chester Kirkpatrick  
 Mary Kunz

Ernest Lyons  
 George McCulloch  
 Richard L. Nims  
 Oreste Nardone  
 Domenic Nigro  
 Ralph Woodcock

Nicholas A. O'Brien, Jr.  
 Betty Rosenkrans  
 John Tresca  
 John H. Whetton  
 Frederick A. Whetton

**APPOINTED****FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Frederick A. McDermott, 1956  
 H. Kent Crabtree, 1956  
 Waldo M. Hunt, 1955  
 William H. Gay, 1955

James W. Connors, 1955, *Chairman*  
 Edmund W. Trowbridge, 1956, *Vice Chairman*  
 Robert W. Cherry, 1957  
 Stanley Rawstron, 1957  
 Eben F. Smith, 1957

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Melville W. Grant, 1957

**TRUSTEES OF GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** Blake H. Field, 1956, *Chairman*

Edwin W. L. Page, 1956

Gene R. Leavitt, 1956, *Secretary*

Allan M. Cate, 1955

Stewart Johnston, 1955, *Vice Chairman*

Luella M. Hopkins, 1955

Frank Farwell, 1957

David O'Leary, Jr., 1957

Cyril N. Angell, 1957

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**Francis J. Donahue, 1957, *Chairman*

Mary E. Fitzgerald, 1955

Harold S. Loudon, 1956

Marian S. Peterson, *ex-Officio***TOWN COUNSEL**

Henry W. Hardy

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**Lester C. Hollis, *Superintendent***DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**Frank L. Cheney, *Engineering*Roger G. Oakman, *Water and Sewer***ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER AND SEWER**

Edmund A. Symonds

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Derwood A. Newman

**AGENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Zella M. Mann

**HEALTH OFFICER AND INSPECTOR OF MILK**

Curtis M. Hilliard

**SANITARY INSPECTOR AND DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF MILK**

Melvin L. Zabab

**NUTRITIONIST**

Alice H. Wagenfeld

**AGENT FOR VETERANS' AID AND PENSIONS AND CARE****OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES**

Francis J. Stanwood\*

**BURIAL AGENT**

Francis J. Stanwood\*

**TRUANT OFFICER**

Edward L. Wainwright

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Edwin D. Keyes

**SUBSTITUTE BUILDING INSPECTOR**

H. Wesley Kent

**INSPECTOR OF WIRING**

Clyde E. Cookson

**SUBSTITUTE INSPECTOR OF WIRING**

Mowry K. Cookson

**INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

Chester A. Bosselman

**ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

Michael Picariello

<b>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING</b>	Dr. Edward T. Ryan, Jr.
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM</b>	Richard M. Salamone
<b>PETROLEUM INSPECTOR</b>	Richard M. Salamone
<b>FOREST WARDEN</b>	Richard M. Salamone
<b>DEPUTY FOREST WARDENS</b>	Charles J. Nute, Jr. Gordon F. Healey David E. Mann
Carl W. Heller	
Leo E. Buckley	
J. Walter Schirmer	
<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</b>	Frederick L. Wise
<b>RECORDER OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES</b>	Doris E. Barlow
<b>ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK</b>	Ruth F. Bryant
<b>DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE</b>	Col. Frank F. Flagel
<b>LOCAL MOTH SUPERINTENDENT</b>	Robert L. Yokes
<b>DEPUTY TREE WARDEN</b>	Robert L. Yokes
<b>DOG OFFICER</b>	Henry W. Longley
<b>KEEPER OF LOCKUP</b>	Thomas H. Welch
<b>INSPECTOR OF CESSPOOLS</b>	Melvin L. Zabar
<b>DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b>	Frank J. Dermody
<b>DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR</b>	Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	Dorothy Brown, <i>Librarian</i>
<b>GLOVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</b>	Donald R. Carmichael, <i>Business Manager</i> Helen I. Linane, <i>Superintendent of Nurses</i>
<b>CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD</b>	
Under vote of Town, November 3, 1936	
Harold A. Smith, 1955	Frank L. Cheney, 1956
Melville W. Grant, <i>Accountant</i>	
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>	Herbert L. Moore, 1955, <i>Chairman</i> Benjamin Y. Piper, 1955, <i>Special Member</i> Enos G. Nickerson, 1956 S. Gilbert Tattersall, 1957

**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE**

Arthur E. Engdahl, *Vice-Chairman*  
 Sidney A. Dimond  
 Walter Masson  
 Mary D. Adams  
 Raymond C. Pardy

Fritz A. Ohrn, *Chairman*  
 Erma N. Wiggin  
 Winslow Crowell  
 George H. Krech  
 John Wallace

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

A. Wilson Corbett  
 Leonard G. Puffer, *Secretary*

William Seaver  
 Russell Curnett

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Under Art. 15, March 19, 1945 — To consist of three members of Recreation Commission and one member of Trustees of Memorial Park and one member of School Committee.

Robert J. Latham, *Chairman*  
 Helen B. Richwagen, *Secretary*  
 Paul B. Richwagen

Nelson A. Talmadge, *Vice-Chairman*  
 Helen E. White

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Under Art. 48, March 15, 1948 — Town Forest Committee

Ronald D. Lowden, *Chairman*  
 Gordon F. Healey

Evelyn Cobb

Under Art. 71, March 23, 1953 — To obtain plans, specifications, and working drawings for the construction of a two-story eight-classroom addition to the High Rock School and Art. 7 of Special Town Meeting, June 15, 1953 — Same committee to constitute a School Building Committee.

Irving Cowdrey, *Chairman, by the Finance Committee*

Harold C. Wilkinson, *by the Selectmen*

Derwood A. Newman, *by the School Committee*

Clayton L. Holden, *by the Planning Board*

James K. Sanborn, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*

Richard W. Stewart, *by the Public School Association*

Guy S. Langstroth, *by the Moderator*

Ruth N. Fletcher, *by the Moderator*

Philip D. Rising, *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 62, March 20, 1950; Article 77, March 19, 1951; Article 110, March 17, 1952; Art. 63, March 23, 1953 and Arts. 50 and 51 of March 17, 1954 — To study needs for additional school buildings and school facilities — The same committee to continue its studies and report with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Meyer P. White, *Chairman, by the Planning Board*

Walter J. Clark, *by the Moderator*

Robert E. Moody, *by the School Committee*

Mary S. Hazard, *by the Selectmen*

Merrick P. Rawstron, *by the Taxpayers' Association*

George F. Emerson, *by the Public School Association*  
 Roland C. March, Jr., *by the Moderator*  
 Robert J. Granberg, *by the Moderator*  
 Halbert E. Pierce, Jr., *by the Finance Committee*

**Under Art. 11 and 12, March 19, 1951—Salary and Wage Committee.**

James Hugh Powers, 1955, <i>Chairman</i>	Eben F. Smith, 1956*
Arthur T. Henderson, 1956	John K. Benson, 1956**
Leonard D'Addesio, 1957	Page S. Bunker, Jr., 1957

**Under Art. 60, March 19, 1951; Art. 128 of March 26, 1952; Art. 77 of March 23, 1953; and Art. 85 of March 22, 1954 — Union Health Survey Committee — To study formation of a Union Health Department in cooperation with other towns.**

Dr. Kenneth Christophe, <i>Chairman</i>	Mary D. Adams
Frank L. Flood	Arthur A. Holt
Frances K. Dermody	

**Under Art. 75, March 19, 1951 and Art. 71, March 19, 1952 — To Study Building By-Laws.**

Herbert M. Johnson, <i>Chairman</i>	Clyde P. Cookson
Louis P. Girrior	Carl Beckonert
Laurent C. Roy	

**Under Art. 6, Special Town Meeting of December 3, 1951 — To obtain plans, working drawings and advice relative to addition to Senior High School Building. Under Art. 3 of Special Town Meeting of November 10, 1952 — To supervise construction and original equipping and furnishing of addition to Senior High School and alterations to present Senior High School building.**

Myron E. Smith, *Chairman, by the School Committee*  
 G. Edward Nealand, *by the Taxpayers' Association*  
 Howard H. McEvoy, *by the Selectmen*  
 James A. Wylie, *by the Finance Committee*  
 Frank L. Bridges, *by the Public School Association*  
 Richard D. Burnham, *by the Planning Board*  
 F. Parker Bartlett, *by the Moderator*  
 Henry V. Perry, *by the Moderator*  
 Frances B. Eaton, *Secretary, by the Moderator*

**Under Art. 51, March 18, 1953 and Art. 86 of March 22, 1954 — A committee be named to study future use of land along the Charles River and make a report with its recommendations to the Town not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.**

Herbert L. Dodge, *Chairman, by the Selectmen*  
 Nelson Talmadge, *by the Recreation Commission*  
 Irving H. Cowdrey, *by the Planning Board*

William M. Austin, *Secretary, by the Moderator*  
 Noell Morss, *by the Moderator*  
 Chalmers A. Peairs, Jr., *by the Moderator*  
 Sidney Stewart, *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 56, March 18, 1953; Arts. 52 and 58 of March 17, 1954 and Art. 6 of Special Town Meeting, May 17, 1954—To study Special Park and Recreation areas and to report with its recommendations to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

John H. Bush, *by the School Committee*  
 Ralph E. Chambers, *by the Planning Board*  
 John H. Whorf, *by the Planning Board\**  
 Robert J. Latham, *by the Recreation Committee*  
*By the Moderator:*

Precinct 1 — Mrs. Beatrice A. Wood  
 Precinct 2 — Francis W. Coburn, *Secretary*  
 Precinct 3 — Andrew C. Bailey  
 Precinct 4 — Alden Eberly  
 Precinct 5 — Owen Webb, *Chairman*  
 Precinct 6 — Joseph DePasqua

Under Art. 72, March 23, 1953 and Art. 60 of March 17, 1954—To study on the advisability of a Fire Department sub-station in the Broadmeadow area and to report with its recommendations to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Roland C. March, Jr., *by the Selectmen*  
 Leonard Marks, Jr., *by the Planning Board*  
 Harold M. Hill, *by the Finance Committee*

Under Art. 73, March 23, 1953 and Art. 62 of March 17, 1954—To study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots and report with its recommendations to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Chester R. Mills†  
 Benjamin May, *Chairman*  
 Antoinette Mills\*\*

Lester C. Huse\*  
 Harry W. Kimball\*\*

Under Art. 74, March 23, 1953 — To study hours of labor and working conditions of Town Employees.

*Referred to the Salary and Wage Committee.*

Under Art. 75, March 23, 1953 and Art. 47 of March 17, 1954—To study a Living War Memorial—Previous committee to be continued, namely:

Hazel M. Wheeler, *Chairman*  
 Meyer J. Gordon  
 Philip K. Greuling

Harold L. Burr  
 Helen B. Richwagen

Under Art. 77, March 23, 1953 and Arts. 59 and 63 of March 17, 1954—To study uses and sale of Town-owned land.

John M. Bailey, *Chairman, by the Moderator*  
 Meyer P. White, *Sub-Chairman, by the Future School Needs Committee*  
 H. Milton Hoitt, *Secretary, by the Recreation Committee*  
 Eva H. Churchill, *by the Planning Board*  
 Arthur H. Godfrey, *by the Selectmen*

Under Art. 77, March 23, 1953 and Art. 93 of March 22, 1954—To study improvement of the postal facilities for the Town of Needham.

Ridgley G. Shepherd, *Chairman*  
 Rodney Harris, Jr.  
 Neal Jacobs  
 Thomas J. McDaniels  
 Harry Martin

Under Art. 9, Special Town Meeting of June 15, 1953 and Art. 83, March 22, 1954—To study problem of rubbish collection in the Town.

Wendell Ryerson, *Chairman*  
 Harold G. Donovan  
 Charles E. Downe  
 Constantine J. D'Amato  
 William H. Ganick

Under Art. 29, March 17, 1954—A committee be appointed to study long range Town water supply and distribution policy.

Henry D. Hersey, *Chairman, by the Selectmen*  
 Harry W. Baughman, *by the Selectmen*  
 Kenneth Christophe, *by the Board of Health*  
 George M. Wile, *by the Planning Board*  
 Andrew J. Kelly, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*  
 Augustus R. Rogowski, *by the Moderator*  
 Raymond C. Pardy, *Secretary, by the Finance Committee*

Under Art. 39, March 17, 1954—A committee be established to investigate the use of the Mary Virginia Hill Trust Fund for the benefit of animals and wild-life in the Town.

Beatrice A. Wood, *Chairman, by the Moderator*  
 Gordon F. Healey, *by the Moderator*  
 Kenneth Webb, *by the Moderator*

Under Art. 43, March 17, 1954—A committee be established to obtain plans and specifications for an "all-purpose room" at the Harris School.

Ruth Steere, *Chairman, by the School Committee*  
 Verda McAleer, *by the Harris School Parents and Teachers Club*  
 William A. Monahan, *Secretary, by the Finance Committee*

Under Art. 48, March 17, 1954—A committee of nine be appointed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of an addition to the present Junior High School.

Amos Hamburger, *Chairman, by the Moderator*

Walter Benson, *by the Moderator*

Robert F. Day, *by the Moderator*

William G. Guernsey, *by the Finance Committee*

Walter B. Whitney, *by the Public School Association*

Irving H. Cowdrey, *by the Planning Board*

Willard S. Levings, *by the Selectmen*

Floyd R. Rinker, *by the School Committee*

Lois A. Tattersall, *Secretary, by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*

Under Art. 49, March 17, 1954—A committee of nine be appointed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school in the Highland Park section.

Jerry Bond, Jr., *Chairman, by the School Committee*

Leonard Marks, Jr., *by the Selectmen\**

William L. Burton, *by the Selectmen\*\**

Edward L. Bottum, *by the Needham Taxpayers' Association*

William N. Gottsman, Jr., *by the Finance Committee*

Karl T. Haugen, *by the Public School Association*

Asna Aronic, *by the Moderator*

Walter D. Leach, Jr., *by the Moderator*

Libero Petrini, *by the Moderator*

Louise Ludlow, *Secretary, by the Planning Board*

Under Article 84, March 22, 1954—A committee of five to be appointed by the Moderator to study the question of the fluoridation of the Town's public water supply.

Stanley F. Teele, *Chairman*

Kenneth Christophe

Francis J. Donahue

Alice B. Dunn

Elbert S. Godfrey

\* Resigned

\*\* Appointed to fill vacancy

† Deceased

# Town Meeting Members



H. Putnam

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

BOWER, EDWARD I.  
CROSS, EVERETT C.  
CUTLER, LESLIE B.  
DOLAN, JOHN BARR  
FOSS, PHILIP F.  
GODFREY, ARTHUR H.  
HARDY, HENRY W.  
MACKINTOSH, ARNOLD  
MANN, DAVID E.  
PETERSON, MARIAN S.  
PUTNAM, HAROLD  
STEWART, EDWARD J.  
CONNERS, JAMES W.

Planning Board  
Selectmen  
Senator  
School Committee  
Selectmen  
Assessor  
Town Counsel  
Treasurer  
Board of Health  
Town Clerk  
Moderator  
Selectmen  
Finance

## PRECINCT 1

### *Expiration 1955*

Akers, Mary J.  
Alexander, Norman E.  
Benson, John K.  
Bixby, Ralph L.  
Dugan, William H.  
Hardy, Jessie L.  
Holden, Clayton L.  
Horr, George D.  
MacMillan, Nancy E.  
Noonan, James H.  
Powers, James Hugh  
Shepherd, Ridgley G.  
Simon, Philip  
Teele, Stanley F.  
Wallace, John

### *Expiration 1956*

Birkett, Kenneth N.  
Brearley, Sidney P.  
Bush, John H.  
Caulton, Frederick M.  
Crabtree, H. Kent  
Gay, William H.  
Holt, A. Sterling  
Rawstron, Merrick  
Rider, Daniel H.  
Rooney, Thomas J.  
Stubbs, J. Harold  
Whitney, Carlton F.  
Wood, Beatrice A.

### *Expiration 1957*

Adams, Mary Dorcas  
Bartlett, F. Parker, Jr.  
Brett, Frank W.  
Broadley, Katherine R.  
Churchill, Eva H.  
Drake, Kenneth  
Eaton, Chester W.  
Everett, Elmer H.  
Frery, Charles S., Jr.  
Latham, Robert J.  
Mann, William A.  
Palmer, Malcolm D.  
Richwagon, Victor L.  
Twigg, Julia B.

## PRECINCT 2

### *Expiration 1955*

Blaisdell, Harold L.  
Clark, Walter J.  
Coburn, Francis W.  
Cowardrey, Irving H.  
Eaton, Donald A.  
Granberg, Robert J.  
Hall, Charles L., Jr.  
Leeper, George E.  
Moore, Herbert L.  
Page, Harold A.  
Paige, Percy H.  
Schneider, Robert L.  
Sturtevant, Justus H.  
Talmadge, Nelson A.  
Welch, Thomas H.

### *Expiration 1956*

Cassidy, William S.  
Chambers, Ralph E.  
Cruikshank, James E.  
Hunt, Waldo M.  
Hunter, Albert E.  
Huse, Lester C.  
Keith, Marian F.  
Kezer, Vernal E.  
Loomis, Samuel  
Page, Edwin W. L.  
Reed, Malcolm B.  
Sanborn, James K.  
Steele, Ruth E.  
Wile, George M.

### *Expiration 1957*

Ackroyd, J. Roland  
Angell, Cyril N.  
Childs, Kenneth M.  
Chisholm, Clarence J.  
Clarenbach, Walter R.  
Cox, Gilbert W. C.  
Hersey, Henry D.  
Larson, N. Henry  
Murdoch, David  
Pond, George M.  
Slicer, J. Samuel, Jr.  
Tattersall, S. Gilbert  
Winslow, Gordon B.

## PRECINCT 3

### *Expiration 1955*

Bailey, Andrew C.  
Baughman, Harry W., Jr.  
Daniels, A. Richards  
Eaton, Frances B.  
Johnson, Marcel E.  
Kimball, Robert H., Jr.  
Leach, Walter D., Jr.

### *Expiration 1956*

Bettencourt, George F.  
Britton, J. Boyd  
Elliott, Byron K.  
Greene, Ray B., Jr.  
Guild, Henry R.  
King, Arthur L.  
McIntosh, Charles B.  
Nealand, G. Edward

### *Expiration 1957*

Austin, William M.  
Christophe, Kenneth  
Davis, Edward L., Jr.  
Dunn, Edward W. Y.  
Haller, Julius F.  
Harkins, J. Frederick  
Heald, Henry M.  
Ladd, Charles H.

## PRECINCT 3—continued

Nelson, Verner O.  
 Perry, Henry V.  
 Preble, Julia M.  
 Shufro, Harmon S.  
 Stanley, Arthur R.  
 Whittemore, Theodore P., Jr.  
 Williams, Frederick B., Jr.

Perkins, R. Forbes  
 Perry, Rebecca H.  
 Pierce, Halbert E., Jr.  
 Summers, James G.  
 Thomas, Roby S.  
 Wilkinson, Holley A.

March, Roland C., Jr.  
 Motley, Herbert J.  
 Rawstron, Stanley  
 Ryerson, Wendell E.  
 Whiting, Elizabeth K.  
 Wyeth, Stimson

## PRECINCT 4

*Expiration 1955*  
 Bosworth, Raymond F.  
 Clarke, Ada Phelps  
 Eaton, Francis C.  
 Eberly, Alden  
 Field, Blake H.  
 Flint, Carl A.  
 Godfrey, Elbert S.  
 Hall, W. Bigelow  
 Jost, Nelson M.  
 King, Robert N.  
 Leavitt, Gene R.  
 McIntosh, Allan D.  
 McKinlay, J. Allan  
 Page, Robert W.  
 Shaw, Francis W.  
 White, Helen E.

*Expiration 1956*  
 Burnham, Richard D.  
 Chase, Clarence E.  
 Cookson, Clyde E.  
 Day, Robert F.  
 Dodge, Herbert L.  
 Glover, Frederic L.  
 Newman, Derwood A.  
 Richards, Karl W.  
 Rising, Philip D.  
 Sanders, Richard B.  
 Stewart, Sidney  
 Walker, Lawrence D.  
 Wertheim, Clarke H.  
 Willgoose, Laura G.

*Expiration 1957*  
 Bell, Theodore P.  
 Burr, Harold L.  
 Crossman, Thomas J.  
 Cuddy, Howard W.  
 Eaton, Laurence E.  
 Ganick, William H.  
 Healey, Gordon F.  
 Lowden, Ronald D.  
 Neilson, George A., Jr.  
 Wainwright, Edwin M.  
 Wheeler, Harold G., Jr.  
 Willgoose, Doratheia M.

## PRECINCT 5

*Expiration 1955*  
 Aronie, Asna  
 Atkinson, Winnifred C.  
 Benson, Walter L.  
 Bottum, Edward L.  
 Coppinger, John W.  
 Dow, Robert O.  
 Fitzgerald, William  
 Harkins, John F.  
 Johnson, Arthur F.  
 Ludlow, William B., Jr.  
 Mason, Eleanor A.  
 McLeod, John W.  
 Pears, Chalmers A., Jr.  
 Peck, Janet A.  
 Revere, Paul

*Expiration 1956*  
 Allen, Howard F.  
 Anderson, Elizabeth E.  
 Bloh, Adolph A.  
 Bloh, Paul T.  
 Friswell, Archibald W.  
 Gifford, Edward A.  
 Greuling, Philip K.  
 Hoitt, H. Milton  
 Mansfield, John R.  
 Marriott, William H.  
 Martin, Harry  
 Osborne, Lawrence D., Jr.  
 Richwagon, Paul B.

*Expiration 1957*  
 Bailey, John M.  
 Cassidy, W. Ansel  
 Caulton, Lawrence G.  
 Hallein, Edward E.  
 Hauptman, Joseph W.  
 Henderson, Daniel C.  
 March, Roland C.  
 Richwagen, Donald B.  
 Spicer, Charles E.  
 Taylor, John F., Jr.  
 Tocci, Matthew  
 Vincent, Harold T.  
 Walton, Harold R.  
 Whitehead, William E.

## PRECINCT 6

*Expiration 1955*  
 Bennett, Pierce B.  
 Bond, Jerry, Jr.  
 Bridges, Frank L.  
 Brion, Margaret E.  
 Eaton, Henry W.  
 Fedel, Julius T.  
 Gaudet, Ralph L.  
 Graser, Theodore N.  
 Hamburger, Victoria D.  
 Henderson, Arthur T.  
 Hill, Harry R.  
 Husbands, Munroe  
 Rowley, Leonard W.  
 Skinner, Ernest T.  
 Wheeler, Robert B.  
 Woodbury, Robert L.

*Expiration 1956*  
 Atchinson, Fred G.  
 Bell, Charles D.  
 Firth, Herbert W.  
 Frykberg, Conrad W.  
 Greene, Charles E.  
 Hamburger, Amos  
 Linscott, Paul H.  
 Mann, Frederic S.  
 Sayce, Edward G.  
 Smith, Myron E.  
 Stanley, Edgar S.  
 Stevens, Ritchie L.

*Expiration 1957*  
 Burton, William L.  
 Claxton, Philip H.  
 Coppinger, William P.  
 Cotter, John E.  
 Frost, Fred L.  
 Goodwin, Roger D.  
 Hollis, Stanley M.  
 Holt, R. Ashley  
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 Small, Asa M.  
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# At Your Service

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE .....	NE 3-1700
FIRE .....	NE 3-0142
HOSPITAL .....	NE 3-2803
POLICE .....	NE 3-1700
CIVIL DEFENSE ....	NE 3-2489

For information on	Call	At
Assessments	Assessors	NE 3-0180
Bicycle Licenses	Police	NE 3-1700
Bills and Accounts	Accountant	NE 3-1666
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Building Permits	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920
Civil Defense		NE 3-2489
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Dogs — Lost and Found	Dog Officer	NE 3-3181-W
Draft Board	Draft Board #119	WE 5-2611
Elections	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Engineering	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Entertainment Licenses	Selectmen	NE 3-0235
Fire Permits	Fire Dept.	NE 3-0142
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping Licenses	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Forestry	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Fuel Oil Storage	Fire Dept.	NE 3-0142
Garbage Collection	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Health	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Library	Public Library	NE 3-0087
Lights, Street	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Milk Inspection	Board of Health	NE 3-0345
Mortgages, Personal Property	Town Clerk	NE 3-2525
Mosquito Control	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Playgrounds and Recreation	Recreation Director	NE 3-0356
Schools	School Dept.	NE 3-4100
Selectmen	Selectmen	NE 3-0235
Sewers	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Streets	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Tax Assessments	Assessors	NE 3-0180
Tax Collections	Tax Collector	NE 3-0152
Town Hall	Custodian	NE 3-1518
Veterans	Veterans' Service Dept.	NE 3-2440
Veterans' Housing	Veterans' Housing Author.	NE 3-3011
Voting and Registration	Board of Registrars	NE 3-2525
Water	Public Works Dept.	NE 3-0670
Welfare	Public Welfare Dept.	NE 3-1710
Wiring	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920
Zoning	Inspections Dept.	NE 3-1920



# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

OF THE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF

TOWN OFFICERS

March 1, 1954

AND

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 15, 1954



NEEDHAM TIMES

1954



## NEEDHAM TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

### RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 1, 1954

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen, January 26, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections, met at the polling places designated for the several precincts in said Needham on Monday, the first day of March in the year 1954 at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant and Officer's Return were read by the Wardens of the Precincts, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

The ballot boxes were inspected and found to be empty with the registers set on 0000. The boxes were then locked and the keys delivered to the Police Officers in attendance.

The ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by their respective Wardens.

The polling places had been designated as follows:

The voters of Precincts 1 and 3, in the Junior High School

The voters of Precinct 2, in the Harris School

The voters of Precinct 4, in the High Rock School

The voters of Precinct 5, in the William Carter School

The voters of Precinct 6, in the William Mitchell School

The polls were opened at forty-five minutes after six o'clock in the forenoon and were kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as required by Section 48, Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose by ballot the following Town Officers:

One Selectman for three years;

One Selectman for two years;

One Selectman for one year;

One Moderator for one year;

One Assessor for three years;

Two members of the Board of Public Welfare for three years;

Two Trustees of the Public Library for three years;

One Trustee of Memorial Park for three years;

Two members of the School Committee for three years;

One member of the Board of Health for three years;

One Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years;

One member of the Town Planning Board for five years;

One member of the Recreation Commission for three years;

One member of Needham Housing Authority for five years;

Two Constables for one year;

Fourteen Town Meeting Members from each Precinct, namely 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, for three years;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 1 for two years;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 1 for one year;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 2 for two years;

Three Town Meeting Members from Precinct 2 for one year;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 3 for one year;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 4 for one year;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 5 for two years;

One Town Meeting Member from Precinct 5 for one year;

Two Town Meeting Members from Precinct 6 for one year.

**ARTICLE 2.** To submit the following question upon the official ballot to the registered voters of the Town:

“Shall the Town accept Chapter 207 of the Acts of 1946 entitled: ‘An Act relative to the licensed operation on the Lord’s Day of Bowling Alleys?’” (on petition of John F. McCarty and others).

The ballot box returns in the Precincts were as follows:

<i>Precincts</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7:00 A.M.	6	—	7	—	6	10
8:00 A.M.	45	59	52	50	43	57
9:00 A.M.	83	110	106	120	77	108
10:00 A.M.	129	145	135	141	125	133
11:00 A.M.	185	184	177	186	180	175
12:00 Noon	237	213	221	276	210	224
1:00 P.M.	279	252	258	315	258	251
2:00 P.M.	329	317	305	336	304	300
3:00 P.M.	364	335	335	371	352	340
4:00 P.M.	415	388	375	426	395	385
5:00 P.M.	469	458	430	522	465	445
6:00 P.M.	551	609	528	632	570	605
7:00 P.M.	667	755	650	757	760	777
8:00 P.M.	798	916	806	1005	1015	1004
Absentee Votes	3	1	8	4	2	10
Included in above						

Total Votes — 5544 — 51.1% of Registered Voters

The Town Clerk and the Board of Registrars upon receipt of the returns from the several precincts, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 1:50 A.M. Tuesday, March 2, 1954.

## TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

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	Precincts						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Total of Votes Cast	798	916	806	1005	1015	1004	5544
Moderator (For One Year)							
Harold Putnam							
Blanks	664 134	805 111	730 76	882 123	812 203	867 137	4760 784
SELECTMAN (For Three Years)							
Edward J. Stewart	638	806	709	843	632	802	4430
Ralph J. Salvucci	118	79	75	114	324	169	879
Blanks	42	31	22	48	59	33	235
SELECTMAN (For Two Years)							
Everett C. Cross	478	657	565	601	499	636	3436
George M. Wile	245	227	199	334	377	289	1671
Blanks	75	32	42	70	139	79	437
SELECTMAN (For One Year)							
Lawrence G. Compton	209	279	236	265	175	267	1431
Jerome Derenzo	27	16	10	19	84	40	196
Philip F. Foss	237	315	300	238	188	296	1594
James A. Newslow	49	70	36	54	80	89	378
Libero Petrini	45	18	28	48	236	97	472
Edwin M. Wainwright	181	196	179	362	225	191	1334
Blanks	30	22	17	19	27	24	139
ASSESSOR (For Three Years)							
David Murdoch	660	811	729	882	809	864	4755
Blanks	138	105	77	123	206	140	789
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE (For Three Years)							
Catherine L. Larson	524	657	575	674	639	675	3744
Ralph L. Bixby	432	432	458	471	365	456	2614
Thomas S. Day	327	444	333	479	465	476	2324
Blanks	313	299	246	386	561	401	2206
BOARD OF HEALTH							
Kenneth Christophe	670	806	730	875	780	868	4729
Blanks	128	110	76	130	235	136	815

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE (For Three Years)

Dorothy A. Field	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Robert J. Granberg	463	515	453	568	592	575	3166
Helen E. White	388	549	468	562	388	528	2883
Blanks	507	593	520	649	647	629	3545
	238	175	171	231	403	276	1494

## NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY (For Five Years)

Ralph E. Chambers	605	743	625	751	591	736	4051
Joseph M. Mastropieri	137	118	136	197	321	187	1096
Blanks	56	55	45	57	103	81	397

## PLANNING BOARD (For Five Years)

Edward I. Bower	639	783	700	833	747	818	4525
Wallace B. McLaughlin, 301 Hillcrest Rd.	159	133	106	167	268	185	1018
Blanks							

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY (For Three Years)

Fred G. Atchinson	627	770	694	812	724	795	4422
Helen B. Eastman	650	786	703	819	721	800	4479
Blanks	319	276	215	379	585	413	2187

## TRUSTEE OF MEMORIAL PARK (For Three Years)

Thomas J. Crossman	672	816	729	869	770	843	4699
Blanks	126	100	77	136	245	161	845

## COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (For Three Years)

Vernal E. Kezer	618	766	692	797	731	803	4407
Brian Routledge, 69 School Street						1	1
Blanks	180	150	114	208	284	200	1136

## RECREATION COMMISSION (For Three Years)

Robert J. Latham	645	771	709	833	747	826	4531
Blanks	153	145	97	172	268	178	1013

## CONSTABLES (For One Year)

William W. Hewett	668	795	715	860	759	836	4633
Frank J. Reinhardt, Jr.	611	757	689	820	695	781	4353
Blanks	317	280	208	330	576	391	2102

## TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

F. Parker Bartlett, Jr.	586	Victor L. Richwagen	591
Katherine R. Broadley	551	Julia B. Twigg	581
Eva H. Churchill	615	Mary Dorcas Adams	459
Chester W. Eaton	634	Frank W. Brett	549
Charles S. Frary, Jr.	501	Kenneth Drake	452
Robert J. Latham	584	Elmer H. Everett	451
William A. Mann	587	*Francis A. Facchetti	260
Malcolm D. Palmer	520	*Nancy E. MacMillan	430

## PRECINCT ONE (For Two Years)

J. Harold Stubbs	442
*Meyer P. White	194

## PRECINCT ONE (For One Year)

Norman E. Alexander	405
*Martin J. Walsh	223

## PRECINCT TWO (For Three Years)

J. Roland Ackroyd	721	David Murdoch	683
Cyril N. Angell	684	Gordon B. Winslow	689
Kenneth M. Childs	740	Clarence J. Chisholm	573
Walter R. Clarenbach	693	Everett C. Cross	747
Gilbert W. C. Cox	748	George M. Pond	682
Henry D. Hersey	715	J. Samuel Slicer, Jr.	606
N. Henry Larson	714	S. Gilbert Tattersall	596
		*William Verhage	471

## PRECINCT TWO (For Two Years)

George M. Wile	722
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## PRECINCT TWO (For One Year)

*E. Harris Barbour	447	Robert J. Granberg	543
Walter J. Clark	460	*Milton B. Hardin	336
John Barr Dolan	496		

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

## PRECINCT THREE (For Three Years)

Kenneth Christophe	655	William M. Austin	469
Edward L. Davis, Jr.	616	*Harry W. Baughman, Jr.	377
Edward W. Y. Dunn	598	*Ela A. Folsom	332
Julius F. Haller	534	J. Frederick Harkins	477
Henry M. Heald	628	Charles H. Ladd	504
Roland C. March, Jr.	626	*Donald C. Plimpton	412
Herbert J. Motley	565	Wendell E. Ryerson	539
Stanley Rawstron	623	Elizabeth K. Whiting	492
Stimson Wyeth	629		

## PRECINCT THREE (For One Year)

*Meyer J. Gordon	217
Frederick B. Williams, Jr.	424

## PRECINCT FOUR (For Three Years)

Theodore P. Bell	749	Harold G. Wheeler, Jr.	612
Harold L. Burr	655	Doratheia M. Willgoose	737
Thomas J. Crossman	755	*John E. Auchmoody	399
L. Charles Donahue	608	Howard W. Cuddy	503
Laurence E. Eaton	709	*Alden Eberly	420
William H. Ganick	579	Gordon F. Healey	492
Ronald D. Lowden	695	*Gene R. Leavitt	475
Chester R. Mills	841	*John V. Phelan	477
George A. Neilson, Jr.	608	*Anthony C. Pippo	365
Edwin M. Wainwright	717		

## PRECINCT FOUR (For One Year)

Francis C. Eaton	469
*Erma N. Wiggin	276

## PRECINCT FIVE (For Three Years)

John M. Bailey	510	Harold T. Vincent	498
W. Ansel Cassidy	432	Harold R. Walton	440
Lawrence G. Caulton	536	*Edward L. Bottom	337
*Lincoln E. Grasso	354	*Dawson L. Brown	389
Edward E. Hallein	579	*Ray Hopkins	381
Joseph W. Hauptman	499	*Eleanor A. Mason	354
Daniel C. Henderson	503	*Liberio Petrini	358
Roland C. March	474	*Blanche E. Pilkington	341
Charles E. Spicer	578	Donald B. Richwagen	488
John F. Taylor, Jr.	547	William E. Whitehead	459
Matthew Tocci	395	*Clarence D. Wilson	287

## PRECINCT FIVE (For Two Years)

*John F. Corsino	59	*Nello Guimetti	191
*Raymond H. Decker	243	Lawrence D. Osborne, Jr.	297

## PRECINCT FIVE (For One Year)

*Robert W. Chalue	122	*Richard K. Pine	107
John W. Coppinger	235	*Alvin C. Whitaker	164
*John W. McLeod	208		

## PRECINCT SIX (For Three Years)

William L. Burton	591	William P. Coppinger	451
Philip H. Claxton	746	John E. Cotter	447
Fred L. Frost	547	*Edward V. Cronan, Jr.	182
Stanley M. Hollis	670	*T. Stanley Emerson	316
R. Ashley Holt	693	Roger D. Goodwin	478
Gorham W. Humphrey	650	*Arthur T. Henderson	369
Aaron A. Loomis	634	*Donald A. McCarthy	232
Enos G. Nickerson	647	*Ateo Ricciardelli	159
Asa M. Small	690	*William B. Squier	319
Francis E. Stanwood	529	Harold Svendsen	494
*Henry A. Burnham	411	*Robert L. Woodbury	419
*Josephine Cellucci	187		

## PRECINCT SIX (For One Year)

*Emilio Bacchiochi	218	*Alexander Prohodski	184
Theodore N. Graser	483	Leonard W. Rowley	427
*Willard S. Levings	228		

Question #1	Precincts					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Yes	226	271	224	307	376	321
No	426	485	424	503	394	484
Blanks	146	160	158	195	245	199
						Total
						1725
						2716
						1103

The ballots cast in the several precincts were returned to the Town Clerk in the sealed packages. The voting lists used at the entrances to polling places and at the ballot boxes with the tally sheets and copy of the precinct record of elections were also returned, all properly sealed in conformity with the laws governing elections.

Adjourned at 1:50 A.M., Tuesday, March 2, 1954.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk*

Attest:

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

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March 15, 1954

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Pursuant to a Warrant issued by the Selectmen January 26, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Junior High School in said Town on Monday, March 15, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 546 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 238 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M., by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. Those present arose and joined Mr. Pollard in singing the national anthem. The Reverend H. Hamlin Hall was called upon to offer a prayer. Following this the call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion.

Mr. Everett Cross moved that debate under any article in this warrant be limited to not more than fifteen minutes per speaker and it was so voted.

Mr. Edward Stewart suggested that the following resolution be adopted by the Town Meeting Members.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Helen S. Courtenay of this town has, over a period of thirty-seven years, devoted herself with enthusiasm, understanding, effectiveness and unselfishness to the welfare of the people of this community in her capacity as Home Service Secretary and in other important offices of the Needham Chapter of The American National Red Cross and, in so doing, has won the respect, admiration and affection of her fellow-townsmen; and

**WHEREAS** throughout said period she has in other respects been an active and outstanding citizen of this town; and

**WHEREAS** her services to this community have recently been publicly recognized by a citation from the Governor of the Commonwealth and it is fitting that formal notice of her achievements should be taken by her fellow-citizens of Needham; be it therefore

**RESOLVED:** That the Town of Needham, through its Town Meeting assembled, hereby expresses to Helen S. Courtenay its esteem and its appreciation for her distinguished service to this community over many years, its hope to enjoy the benefit of her kindness, her experience and her willingness to serve in the future, and its wish for her personal happiness and good health; and directs that this Resolution be incorporated in the official records of this Annual Town Meeting of 1954.

### UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. William E. Whitehead and Mr. Lester Huse were sworn in as tellers by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE 3.** To choose and appoint all other Town officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

**VOTED:** that the following Town Officers be elected:

*Town Agents:* Everett C. Cross, Philip F. Foss and Edward J. Stewart.

*Measurers of Wood and Bark:* Frederick A. Whetton.

*Public Weighers:* Neil E. Burgess, Elaine Cederval, Aurelio DiMuzio, Chester Kirkpatrick, Mary Kunz, Ernest Lyons, George McCullough, Domenic Nigro, Oreste Nardone, Richard L. Nims, Nicholas A. O'Brien, Jr., Betty Rosenkrans, John Tresca, Frederick A. Whetton, John J. Whetton and Ralph T. Woodcock.

**ARTICLE 4.** To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and committees.

**VOTED:** That the reports of Town officers and committees be accepted and placed on file.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1953.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$105.58 be appropriated to pay certain bills, contracted for in 1953, but not received in time to be paid, and to meet certain deficiencies incurred in 1953.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 6.** To see what action the Town will take relative to unexpended balances and deficiencies of 1954.

**VOTED:** That unpaid bills contracted for in 1954, but not received by the Town until after December 31, 1954, regarded as "unpaid bills," be paid in January, 1955, from cash on hand, and the amount so paid be reported by the Town Accountant to the Finance Committee to be included in its report of appropriations for 1955.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 7.** To see what disposition the Town will make of monies received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$2,461.30, received pursuant to Section 172 of Chapter 140 of the General Laws as the Town's share of the unexpended balance of the Dog Fund, be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of each of the elective officers of the Town, as required by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended in accordance with the proposed minimum and maximum recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee, and subject to the step-rate increases provided for in the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, as follows:

**VOTED:** That the salary and compensation of each of the elective officers of the Town be fixed in accordance with the proposed minimum and maximum recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee, and subject to the step-rate increases provided for in the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, as follows:

	Present		Proposed	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Principal Assessor	4,550.00	4,850.00	4,300.00	5,000.00
Assistant Assessors		1,350.00		1,350.00
Selectmen-Chairman		600.00		600.00
Selectmen-other members		450.00		450.00
Town Clerk	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,600.00	4,200.00
Town Treasurer and Tax Collector		4,600.00		4,600.00

and that said salaries be retroactive to January 1, 1954.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 9.** There was discussion as to the meaning of this article in connection with later votes under Articles 13 and 15. When put to a vote this motion did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the compensation of Town Officers, other than elective officers, and of Town employees, for the year 1954 be the same as voted for said purposes under Articles 13 and 15 of this warrant.

Yes 51      No 136

Mr. Guernsey moved that this Article be reconsidered after Articles 13 and 15 and it was so voted.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see in what manner the Town will have its taxes collected in the current year.

**VOTED:** That the taxes for the current year be collected in the same manner as in the year 1953 and that the compensation therefor be the same as voted for said purpose under Article 15 of this warrant.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, as the same have since been amended, by striking out the first sentence of Paragraph 9 (d) thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"Advancement from the minimum to the maximum shown in the Compensation Plan shall be as follows: (1) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate not exceeding \$4,000 per annum, such advancement shall be by three equal, annual, successive steps; (2) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate exceeding \$4,000 per annum and not exceeding \$6,000 per annum, such advancement shall be by four equal, annual, successive steps; (3) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate exceeding \$6,000 per annum, such advancement shall be by five equal, annual, successive steps. Neither the establishment of a new minimum salary under the Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages, nor the establishment of a greater number of step-rate increases under the provisions of this paragraph, shall be deemed to decrease the total compensation to which any employee of the Town is presently entitled."

as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, as the same have since been amended, be amended by striking out the first sentence of Paragraph 9 (d) thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"Advancement from the minimum to the maximum shown in the Compensation Plan shall be as follows: (1) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate not exceeding \$4,000.00 per annum, such advancement shall be by three equal, annual, successive steps; (2) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate exceeding \$4,000.00 per annum and not exceeding \$6,000.00 per annum, such advancement shall be by four equal, annual, successive steps; (3) in the instance of positions compensated at a maximum rate exceeding \$6,000.00 per annum, such advancement shall be five equal, annual, successive steps. Neither the establishment of a new minimum salary under the Classifications of Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages, nor the establishment of a greater number of step-rate increases under the provisions of this paragraph, shall have the effect of reducing the compensation to which any person in the employ of the Town on March 15, 1954, would be entitled under the former step-rate schedule."

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, as the same have since been amended, by adding the following new sub-paragraph to Paragraph 9 thereof, as follows:

"(f) Regular, full-time, permanent town employees shall be paid one day at regular straight-time pay, in accordance with present practices, for all State legal holidays which fall on, or are observed on, regularly scheduled work-days. Thus, if a State legal holiday falls on a Sunday but is observed on the following Monday, it will be paid for. If a holiday falls on a Saturday which is not a regularly scheduled work-day, it will not be paid for. In the case of the Police and Fire Departments, whose personnel is subject to duty seven days a week, those who are assigned to duty on the holiday shall receive a compensatory day off, or an extra day's pay, at the discretion of the Chiefs of the respective departments."

as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Andrew Bailey presented the following substitute motion which passed.

**VOTED:** That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, as the same have since been amended, be hereby amended by adding the following new sub-paragraph to paragraph 9 thereof, as follows:

"(f) Regular, full-time, permanent town employees shall be paid one day at regular straight-time pay, in accordance with present practices, for all State legal holidays which fall on, or are observed on, regularly scheduled work-days. Thus, if a State legal holiday falls on a Sunday but is observed on the following Monday, it will be paid for. If a holiday falls on a Saturday which is not a regularly scheduled work-day, it will not be paid for. In the case of the Police and Fire Departments, whose personnel is subject to duty seven days a week, those who are assigned to duty on the holiday shall receive an extra day's pay."

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, as the same have since been amended, by striking out the present Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages therein and by substituting therefor the following:

**CLASSIFICATION AND STANDARD RATES OF  
SALARIES AND WAGES  
THE PAID APPOINTIVE SERVICE**

**Clerical Service**

Classification	Present Range		Proposed Range	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Principal Clerk .....	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00
Senior Clerk .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Clerk .....	1,900.00	2,200.00	1,900.00	2,200.00
Selectmen's Clerk .....		440.00		440.00
Committee Secretary (per hour)		1.50		1.50
Temporary Part-Time Clerk (per hour)		1.15		1.15

**Custodial Service**

Senior Custodian .....	3,350.00	3,650.00	3,200.00	3,650.00
Custodian .....	2,500.00	2,800.00	2,500.00	2,800.00
Town Hall Janitor .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Substitute Janitor (per hour) .....		1.00		1.15

**Engineering Services: Salaried**

Superintendent of Public Works .....	7,200.00	7,500.00	6,800.00	8,000.00
Divisional Superintendent .....	5,900.00	6,200.00	5,600.00	6,600.00
Town Engineer (Sand & Gravel Inspector) .....	5,200.00	5,500.00	5,300.00	6,200.00
Assistant Divisional Superintendent .....	4,400.00	4,700.00	4,200.00	4,900.00
Assistant Engineer .....	4,200.00	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,700.00
Chief of Party .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,500.00	4,100.00
Senior Draftsman .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,500.00	4,100.00
Draftsman .....	3,200.00	3,500.00	3,050.00	3,500.00
Memorial Park Supervisor .....	3,180.00	3,480.00	3,050.00	3,500.00

**Engineering Services: Hourly Rated Employees**

Master Mechanic .....	2.00	2.10
General Foreman .....	1.90	2.00
Supervisory Foreman .....	1.80	1.90
Shovel Operator .....	1.80	1.95
Garage Mechanic .....	1.80	1.85
Skilled Laborer .....	1.70	1.76
Semi-skilled Laborer .....	1.60	1.69
General Laborer .....	1.45	1.55
Student Draftsman .....	1.40	1.44
Rodman .....	1.40	1.44
Common Laborer .....	1.30	1.40
Temporary Laborer .....	1.15	1.25
Memorial Park Groundskeeper .....	1.15	1.25

**Fiscal Service**

Town Accountant (Includes Retirement Board Pay) .....	5,000.00	5,300.00	4,850.00	5,550.00
Chief Accounting Clerk .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
Finance Committee Clerk .....		660.00		660.00

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

Classification	Present Range		Proposed Range	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Health and Social Services</b>				
Animal Inspector .....		485.00		485.00
Clerk-Technician .....	2,400.00	2,700.00	2,400.00	2,700.00
Director of Health Services .....		1,250.00		1,600.00
Nutritionist (per hour) .....		1.50		1.65
Pediatrician (per hour) .....				10.00
Public Health Nurse .....	2,700.00	3,000.00	3,050.00	3,500.00
*Sanitarian .....		1,400.00		2,400.00
Veterans' Agent .....		2,500.00		2,500.00
†Welfare Department Agent .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,600.00	4,100.00
†Welfare Department Social Worker .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
†Welfare Department-Senior Clerk-Stenographer .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
†Except as may be inconsistent with the Welfare Plan established pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 31, #47D.				
*Includes \$500.00 for Cesspool Inspector.				
<b>Legal and Registration</b>				
Town Counsel .....		3,500.00		3,800.00
Registrar of Voters .....		210.00		210.00
Canvasser (per hour) .....		1.00		1.15
<b>Library Service</b>				
Librarian .....	3,700.00	4,000.00	3,700.00	4,300.00
Assistant Librarian .....	3,000.00	3,300.00	3,000.00	3,450.00
Cataloguer .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,900.00	3,200.00
Children's Librarian .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,900.00	3,200.00
Branch Librarian .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Library Assistant .....	1,800.00	2,100.00	1,800.00	2,100.00
Extra Professional Assistant (per hour) .....		1.00		1.00
Extra Sub-Professional Assistant (per hour) .....		.85		.85
Student Helper .....		.65		.75
<b>Public Safety: Fire Department</b>				
Chief .....	5,100.00	5,400.00	5,000.00	5,800.00
Deputy Chief .....	4,250.00	4,550.00	4,400.00	5,000.00
Captain .....	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,400.00
Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm .....	3,650.00	3,950.00	3,650.00	4,150.00
Firefighter, Permanent .....	3,300.00	3,600.00	3,425.00	3,800.00
Firefighter, Substitute (per day) .....		10.00		14.00
Ground man .....		10.00		14.00
Call man .....		310.00		310.00
<b>Public Safety: Police Department</b>				
Chief .....	5,100.00	5,400.00	5,000.00	5,800.00
Sergeant .....	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,400.00
Detective .....	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,400.00
Police Officer, Permanent .....	3,300.00	3,600.00	3,425.00	3,800.00
Matron .....		550.00		550.00
Police Officer, Intermittent (per day) .....		10.00		14.00
Traffic Policewoman (per month) .....				75.00

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Classification	Present Range		Proposed Range	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Public Safety: Other</b>				
Building Inspector .....	4,500.00	4,800.00	4,100.00	4,800.00
Deputy Building Inspector (per day) .....				15.00
Director of Civil Defense .....				900.00
Dog Officer .....		500.00		700.00
Plumbing Inspector (per inspection, including travel) .....		3.75		3.75
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....		1,100.00		1,100.00
Wiring Inspector .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,500.00	4,100.00

**Recreational Services**

Director of Recreation .....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Secretary-Clerk .....	360.00	360.00
Playground Supervisor (per week) .....	50.00	65.00
Beach Supervisor (per week) .....	50.00	65.00
Playground Director (per week) .....	40.00	40.00
Assistant Beach Supervisor (per week) .....	40.00	50.00
Beach Lifeguard (per week) .....	40.00	40.00
Playground Assistant (per week) .....	30.00	30.00
Beach Booth Attendant (per week) .....	30.00	35.00
Baseball Umpire (per season) .....	350.00	350.00

Note: The minimum and maximum salaries in the foregoing schedule do not include longevity payments to which the incumbents of the positions are or may become entitled under Paragraph 9 (d) of the Rules and Regulations.

as recommended by the Salary and Wage Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Guernsey offered the following amendment which did not pass.

**MOVED:** That the classifications of Substitute Wiring Inspector and Substitute Building Inspector be stricken out.

The motion of the Salary and Wage Committee was then submitted and it was

**VOTED:** That the Rules and Regulations Governing the Classification of Personnel, adopted by the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, as the same have since been amended, be amended by striking out the present Classifications and Standard Rates of Salaries and Wages therein and by substituting therefor the following:

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SALARIES AND WAGES  
THE PAID APPOINTIVE SERVICE**

Classification	Present Range		Proposed Range	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Clerical Service</b>				
Principal Clerk .....	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00
Senior Clerk .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Clerk .....	1,900.00	2,200.00	1,900.00	2,200.00
Selectmen's Clerk .....		440.00		440.00
Committee Secretary (per hour) .....		1.50		1.50
Temporary Part-Time Clerk (per hour) .....		1.15		1.15

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

Classification	Present Range		Proposed Range	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Custodial Service</b>				
Senior Custodian .....	3,350.00	3,650.00	3,200.00	3,650.00
Custodian .....	2,500.00	2,800.00	2,500.00	2,800.00
Town Hall Janitor .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Substitute Janitor (per hour) ..		1.15		1.15
<b>Engineering Services Salaried</b>				
Superintendent of Public Works	7,200.00	7,500.00	6,800.00	8,000.00
Divisional Superintendent .....	5,900.00	6,200.00	5,600.00	6,600.00
Town Engineer (Sand & Gravel Inspector) .....	5,200.00	5,500.00	5,300.00	6,200.00
Assistant Divisional Superintendent .....	4,400.00	4,700.00	4,200.00	4,900.00
Assistant Engineer .....	4,200.00	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,700.00
Chief of Party .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,500.00	4,100.00
Senior Draftsman .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,500.00	4,100.00
Draftsman .....	3,200.00	3,500.00	3,050.00	3,500.00
Memorial Park Supervisor .....	3,180.00	3,480.00	3,050.00	3,500.00
<b>Engineering Services: Hourly Rated Employees</b>				
Master Mechanic .....		2.00		2.10
General Forman .....		1.90		2.00
Supervisory Foreman .....		1.80		1.90
Shovel Operator .....		1.80		1.95
Garage Mechanic .....		1.80		1.85
Skilled Laborer .....		1.70		1.76
Semi-Skilled Laborer .....		1.60		1.69
General Laborer .....		1.45		1.55
Student Draftsman .....		1.40		1.44
Rodman .....		1.40		1.44
Common Laborer .....		1.30		1.40
Temporary Laborer .....		1.15		1.25
Memorial Park Groundskeeper ..		1.15		1.25
<b>Fiscal Service</b>				
Town Accountant (Includes Retirement Board Pay) .....	5,000.00	5,300.00	4,850.00	5,550.00
Chief Accounting Clerk .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
Finance Committee Clerk .....		660.00		660.00
<b>Health and Social Services</b>				
Animal Inspector .....		485.00		485.00
Clerk-Technician .....	2,400.00	2,700.00	2,400.00	2,700.00
Director of Health Services .....		1,250.00		1,600.00
Nutritionist (per hour) .....		1.50		1.65
Pediatrician (per hour) .....				10.00
Public Health Nurse .....	2,700.00	3,000.00	3,050.00	3,500.00
*Sanitarian .....		1,400.00		2,400.00
Veterans' Agent .....		2,500.00		2,500.00
†Welfare Department Agent .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,600.00	4,100.00
†Welfare Department Social Worker .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
†Welfare Department-Senior Clerk-Stenographer .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00

†Except as may be inconsistent with the Welfare Plan established pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 31, #47D.

\*Includes \$500.00 for Cesspool Inspector.

## TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

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Classification	Present Range		Proposed Range	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Legal and Registration</b>				
Town Counsel .....		3,500.00		3,800.00
Registrar of Voters .....		210.00		210.00
Canvasser (per hour) .....		1.00		1.15

**Library Service**

Librarian .....	3,700.00	4,000.00	3,700.00	4,300.00
Assistant Librarian .....	3,000.00	3,300.00	3,000.00	3,450.00
Cataloguer .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,900.00	3,200.00
Children's Librarian .....	2,800.00	3,100.00	2,900.00	3,200.00
Reference Librarian .....			2,900.00	3,200.00
Branch Librarian .....	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,600.00
Library Assistant .....	1,800.00	2,100.00	1,800.00	2,100.00
Extra Professional Assistant (per hour) .....		1.00		1.00
Extra Sub-Professional Assistant (per hour) .....		.85		.85
Student Helper .....		.65		.75

**Public Safety: Fire Department**

Chief .....	5,100.00	5,400.00	5,000.00	5,800.00
Deputy Chief .....	4,250.00	4,550.00	4,400.00	5,000.00
Captain .....	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,400.00
Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarm .....	3,650.00	3,950.00	3,650.00	4,150.00
Firefighter, Permanent .....	3,300.00	3,600.00	3,425.00	3,800.00
Firefighter, Substitute (per day) .....		10.00		13.20
Ground man (per day) .....		10.00		13.20
Call man .....		310.00		310.00

**Public Safety: Police Department**

Chief .....	5,100.00	5,400.00	5,000.00	5,800.00
Sergeant .....	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,400.00
Detective .....	3,900.00	4,200.00	3,900.00	4,400.00
Police Officer, Permanent .....	3,300.00	3,600.00	3,425.00	3,800.00
Matron .....		550.00		550.00
Police Officer, Intermittent (per day) .....		10.00		13.20
Traffic Policewoman (per month) .....				75.00

**Public Safety: Other**

Building Inspector .....	4,500.00	4,800.00	4,100.00	4,800.00
Substitute Building Inspector (per day) .....				15.80
Director of Civil Defense .....				900.00
Dog Officer .....		500.00		700.00
Plumbing Inspector (per inspection, including travel) .....		3.75		3.75
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....		1,100.00		1,100.00
Wiring Inspector .....	3,800.00	4,100.00	3,500.00	4,100.00
Substitute Wiring Inspector (per day) .....				13.50

**Recreational Services**

Director of Recreation .....		3,000.00		3,000.00
Secretary-Clerk .....		360.00		360.00
Playground Supervisor (per week) .....		50.00		65.00

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Beach Supervisor (per week) ----	50.00	65.00
Playground Director (per week) ----	40.00	40.00
Assistant Beach Supervisor (per week) -----	40.00	50.00
Beach Lifeguard (per week) ----	40.00	40.00
Playground Assistant (per week) ----	30.00	30.00
Beach Booth Attendant (per week) -----	30.00	35.00
Baseball Umpire (per season) ----	350.00	350.00

Note: The minimum and maximum salaries in the foregoing schedule do not include longevity payments to which the incumbents of the positions are or may become entitled under Paragraph 9 (d) of the Rules and Regulations.

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**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to establish at seven cents per mile the mileage to be paid to officers and employees of the Town using privately owned motor vehicles on Town business, as recommended by the Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the mileage to be paid to officers and employees of the Town using privately owned motor vehicles on Town business be and it is hereby established at seven cents per mile.

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**ARTICLE 15.** To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the necessary Town charges and expenses.

Under this Article, the following appropriations were made, each item being voted on separately, viz:

The following amendment to the Account Department budget was voted.

Amendment — That the motion for the Accounting Department budget be amended by striking out Item 3 and inserting the following:

3. Capital Outlay ----- 94.95

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Accounting Department:

1. Salaries ----- 14,014.65  
 2. Expenses ----- 1,221.00  
 3. Capital Outlay ----- 94.95

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Assessor's Department:

4. Salaries ----- 15,040.00  
 5. Expenses ----- 2,215.00  
 6. Capital Outlay ----- 0.00  
 7. Travel out of State ----- 300.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Board of Appeals:

8. Salaries ----- 717.00  
 9. Expenses ----- 475.00  
 10. Capital Outlay ----- 0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Finance Committee:

11. Salaries .....	660.00
12. Expenses .....	1,900.00
13. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sum be appropriated for the Reserve Fund:

14. Reserve Fund .....	35,000.00
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**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Legal Department:

15. Salaries .....	3,800.00
16. Expenses .....	500.00
17. Damages .....	250.00
18. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Planning Board:

19. Salaries .....	1,750.00
20. Expenses .....	1,815.00
21. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Registrars of Voters:

22. Salaries .....	3,274.62
23. Tellers and Canvassers .....	5,300.00
24. Expenses .....	3,073.00
25. Capital Outlay .....	90.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Salary and Wage Committee:

26. Salaries .....	175.00
27. Expenses .....	360.00
28. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Board of Selectmen:

29. Salaries .....	4,540.00
30. Expenses .....	540.00
31. Town Meetings .....	1,100.00
32. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Town Clerk's Department:

33. Salaries .....	6,754.82
34. Expenses .....	789.00
35. Fees .....	150.00
36. Capital Outlay .....	415.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the care and maintenance of the Town Hall and Grounds:

37. Salaries .....	8,715.60
38. Maintenance .....	3,840.00
39. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Department:

40. Salaries .....	10,600.00
41. Expenses .....	2,290.00
42. Bonds .....	856.50
43. Tax Titles .....	50.00
44. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

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The following amendment to the Civilian Defense budget was voted.

AMENDMENT: That the motion for the Civilian Defense Budget be amended by striking out Item 47 and inserting the following:

47. Capital Outlay .....	973.00
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**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for Civilian Defense, said sums to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen:

45. Salaries .....	1,800.00
46. Expenses .....	3,588.75
47. Capital Outlay .....	973.00

The following amendment to the Fire Department Budget was voted.

AMENDMENT: That the Fire Department Budget be amended by striking out Item 48 and inserting the following:

48. Salaries .....	165,916.17
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**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Fire Department:

48. Salaries .....	165,916.17
49. Expenses .....	2,098.00
50. Building Maintenance .....	5,700.00
51. Equipment Maintenance .....	2,750.00
52. Equipment and Supplies .....	5,500.00
53. Travel out of State .....	150.00
54. Capital Outlay .....	750.00
55. Medical Expense .....	125.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Fire Alarm Department:

56. Salaries .....	4,750.00
57. Expenses .....	6,120.00
58. Equipment Maintenance .....	500.00
59. Capital Outlay .....	8,390.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Forest Warden Service:

60. Paid Service .....	250.00
61. Forest Patrol .....	200.00
62. Expense .....	150.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Inspection Department:

63. Salaries .....	15,881.25
64. Expenses .....	575.00
65. Automobile Rental and Maintenance .....	794.00
66. Transportation .....	250.00
67. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

The following amendments to the Police Department budget were voted:

AMENDMENT: That the previous motion be amended by striking Item 68 therefrom and by inserting in place thereof the following:

68. Salaries .....	140,731.76
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AMENDMENT: That the previous motion be amended by striking Item 71 therefrom and by inserting in place thereof the following:

71. Uniforms .....	3,275.00
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**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Police Department:

68. Salaries .....	140,731.76
69. Communications .....	2,850.00
70. General Operation Expense .....	4,100.00
71. Uniforms .....	3,275.00
72. Automobile Maintenance .....	5,500.00
73. Building Maintenance .....	3,130.00
74. Travel out of State .....	150.00
75. Auxiliary Police .....	200.00
76. Signal System .....	500.00
79. Capital Outlay .....	4,185.75

The Police Department is further authorized to credit the purchase price of new equipment with the value of any like equipment to be turned in, as a part of the purchase price.

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures Department:

80. Salaries .....	1,100.00
81. Expenses .....	140.50
82. Transportation .....	300.00
83. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Board of Health:

84. Salaries .....	11,967.20
85. Expenses .....	1,930.00
86. Hospitalization .....	6,000.00
87. Garbage Removal .....	24,700.00
88. Mosquito Control .....	6,000.00
89. Capital Outlay .....	3,060.00
91. Emergency Nuisance Abatement .....	250.00

The Board of Health is further authorized to credit the purchase price of any new equipment with the value of any like equipment to be turned in, as part of the purchase price.

The following amendments to the Public Works Department budget were voted:

AMENDMENT: That the motion for the Public Works Department Budget be amended by striking out Item 101.

AMENDMENT: That the motion on the Public Works budget be amended by striking therefrom Item 104, pertaining to Watermains, Newton Connection.

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Department of Public Works:

92. Salaries .....	226,500.00
93. Expenses .....	78,975.00
94. Snow Removal .....	25,000.00
95. Street Lighting .....	33,500.00
96. Capital Outlay .....	9,200.00
97. Travel out of State .....	400.00
98. Moth or Insect Pest Control .....	5,000.00
99. Dutch Elm Disease Control .....	4,000.00
100. Poison Ivy Control .....	500.00
102. Sewer House Connections under Law authorizing Assessments .....	40,000.00
103. For extension of mains and services, repairs and renewals by the Water Division .....	130,000.00
105. For Park Improvements .....	2,000.00

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106. Town Forests .....	1,500.00
107. Parking Meter Expenses .....	200.00

The Public Works Department is further authorized to credit the purchase price of new equipment, with the value of any like equipment to be turned in, as part of the purchase price.

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Glover Memorial Hospital:

109. Salaries .....	263,400.23
110. Building Maintenance .....	31,000.00
111. Expenses and Services .....	10,200.00
112. Supplies and Equipment .....	106,000.00
113. Travel out of State .....	300.00
114. X-Ray and Laboratory .....	21,600.00
115. Capital Outlay .....	3,926.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Board of Public Welfare:

116. Salaries .....	8,500.00
117. Expenses .....	950.00
118. General Relief .....	5,500.00
119. Old Age Assistance .....	70,000.00
120. Aid to Dependent Children .....	5,000.00
121. Disability Assistance .....	10,500.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Veteran's Services Department:

122. Salaries .....	5,893.89
123. Expenses .....	500.00
124. Transportation .....	400.00
125. Veterans Benefits .....	27,000.00
126. Capital Outlay .....	0.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the School Department:

127. Salaries .....	827,278.00
128. General Control .....	2,710.00
to be raised as follows:	
from the 1954 Tax Levy .....	2,543.19
from Dwight School Fund Income .....	166.81
129. Instruction .....	43,109.00
130. Operations .....	53,600.00
131. Maintenance .....	45,379.50
132. Auxiliary Agencies .....	14,057.00
133. Outlay .....	20,660.00
134. Travel out of State .....	810.00
135. Transportation .....	32,654.00
136. Vocational Education .....	4,000.00

The School Department is further authorized to credit the purchase price of new equipment, with the value of any like equipment turned in, as part of the purchase price.

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Public Library:

140. Salaries .....	29,077.39
141. Expenses .....	2,350.00
142. Books and Periodicals .....	9,000.00
to be raised as follows:	
from the 1954 Tax Levy .....	6,137.94
Income from Barr and Greenwood Funds .....	400.76
Income from County Dog Fund .....	2,461.30

143. Bindings .....	1,000.00
144. Building Maintenance .....	3,135.00
145. Branch Library-Rent .....	1,000.00
146. Travel out of State .....	50.00
147. Capital Outlay .....	705.00

The Public Library is further authorized to credit the purchase price of any new equipment, with the value of any like equipment turned in, as part of the purchase price.

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Memorial Park Trustees:

148. Salaries .....	6,525.00
149. Expenses .....	2,340.00
150. Capital Outlay .....	1,400.00

The following amendment to the Recreation Department budget was voted.

AMENDMENT: That the motion for the Recreation Department Budget be amended by striking out Item 153 and inserting the following:

153. Capital Outlay .....	1,800.00
153A. Rosemary Beach .....	3,000.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Recreation Department:

151. Salaries .....	17,280.00
152. Expenses .....	4,687.00
153. Capital Outlay .....	1,800.00
153A Rosemary Beach .....	3,000.00

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the payment of interest on ,and the extinguishment of the Public Debt:

154. Maturing Bonds .....	369,000.00
to be raised as follows:	
from the 1954 Tax Levy .....	362,806.81
by transfer from Bond	
premium Account .....	6,193.19
155. Interest on the Public Debt .....	100,712.50

**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the Board of Retirement:

156. Contributions to the system and for the payment of certain annuities and retirement allowances .....	34,126.00
157. Expenses .....	700.00

**VOTED:** That the following sum be appropriated for the Town's Insurance Coverage:

158. Insurance .....	43,867.98
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**VOTED:** That the following sums be appropriated for the several Miscellaneous Accounts:

159. For the salary of the Dog Officer .....	700.00
160. For the salary of the Animal Inspector .....	485.00
161. Transportation of the Animal Inspector .....	125.00
162. For the payment of certain Annuities .....	7,190.02
163. For maintenance of Soldiers Graves .....	800.00
164. For the printing of annual Town Reports, and pro- ceedings of Town Meetings and Elections .....	3,500.00

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| 165. For the expenses of Memorial Day, provided, that the incurring of any indebtedness to be paid from this appropriation, shall be subject to the approval of the Selectmen ..... | 500.00 |
| 166. For unclassified miscellaneous expenses to be expended under supervision of the Selectmen .....  | 300.00 |

**ARTICLE 9.** To see what action the Town will take relative to the compensation of its Town officers, other than elective officers, and of its employees.

Article 9 was again taken up after completion of Article 15 and  
it was

**VOTED:** That the compensation of Town officers, other than elective officers and of Town employees, for the year 1954 be the same as voted for said purposes under Articles 13 and 15 of this warrant.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road Construction; transfer the sum of \$22,500.00 from the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this latter amount when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, as recommended by the Public Works Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$30,000.00 be appropriated for Chapter 90 road construction, said sum being raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account, and that the State and County shares of said total cost, amounting to \$22,500.00, be paid, upon receipt by the Town, into the Excess and Deficiency Account.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Road Maintenance; transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the total cost, this latter amount when received by way of reimbursement from the State and County to be restored to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, as recommended by the Public Works Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated for Chapter 90 road maintenance, said sum being raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account, and that the State and County shares of said total cost, amounting to \$2,000.00, be paid, upon receipt by the Town, into the Excess and Deficiency Account.

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**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting it with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways as proposed by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$37,900.00 be appropriated for the installation of storm water drains in private ways proposed for acceptance by the Town and for extending the storm water drainage system in or connecting it with the existing storm water drainage system in public ways as proposed by the Public Works Department, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

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**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$20,400.00 for the alteration of, specific repairs upon and the construction of all or portions of various Town Ways, including sidewalks thereon, as recommended by the Public Works Department, determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$5,900.00 be appropriated for the alteration of, specific repairs upon and the construction of all or portions of various Town ways, including sidewalks thereon, as recommended by the Public Works Department, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$68,209.85 for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act and for various intercepting sewers in public ways and private lands; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Fund or from other available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$68,209.85 be appropriated for the extension of the sewerage system in certain streets as petitioned for by abutters and in ways petitioned for acceptance and construction under the Betterment Act and for various intercepting sewers in public ways and private lands; that said sum be raised by transfer of said amount from the Sewer Assessment Reserve Account; and that said sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

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**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters; determine how

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$3,500.00 be appropriated for the construction of sidewalks under the Betterment Act as petitioned for by abutters, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$17,500.00 for the purpose of setting curbing on the southerly side of Broad Meadow Road from Great Plain Avenue to a point opposite Evans Road, and for the purpose of providing paved sidewalks under the Betterment Act in the following locations: northerly side of Broad Meadow Road from Evans Road to Broad Meadow School, northerly side to Great Plain Avenue, southerly side of Great Plain Avenue from Green Street to Greendale Avenue, westerly side of South Street from Lawton Road to Great Plain Avenue, westerly side of Broad Meadow Road from terminus of present sidewalk to Greendale Avenue, westerly side of Bird Street from De Francesco Circle to Rybury Hillway, easterly side of Greendale Avenue, southerly boundary of St. Bartholomew's church property to a point opposite Grosvenor Road, as recommended by the School Traffic Safety Committee, established by vote under Article 31 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$10,875.00 be appropriated for the purpose of providing paved sidewalks under the Betterment Act in the following locations: Northerly side of Great Plain Avenue, from the end of the 1953 construction to Greendale Avenue, westerly side of South Street from Lawton Road to Great Plain Avenue; westerly side of Broad Meadow Road from terminus of present sidewalk to Greendale Avenue; westerly side of Bird Street from DeFrancesco Circle to Rybury Hillway; and easterly side of Greendale Avenue from the southerly boundary of St. Bartholomew's Church property to a point opposite Grosvenor Road; and that said sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will authorize the installation of street lights in the following private ways as petitioned for by abutters:

Taylor Street, Ardmore Road, Concord Street, Richdale Road, Wayne Road, Kenney Street, Barbara Road and Lois Lane, Briarwood Circle, Dogwood Lane and Hunting Road;  
raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 for the purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated for the installation of street lights in the following private ways as petitioned for by abutters: Taylor Street, Ardmore Road, Concord Street, Richdale Road, Wayne Road, Kenney Street, Barbara Road, Lois Lane, Briarwood Circle, Dogwood Lane and Hunting Road; and that said installation be and the same is hereby specifically authorized.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Rolling Lane from Brookside Road westerly seven hundred and ninety three (793') feet; Doane Avenue from Grosvenor Road northerly three hundred and thirty-four (334') feet; First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, A Street and B Street; authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept easements for sewer, water and drainage purposes in said First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, A Street and B Street, from the owners thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the following streets or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Rolling Lane from Brookside Road westerly seven hundred and ninety-three (793') feet; Doane Avenue from Grosvenor Road northerly three hundred and thirty-four (334') feet; First Avenue; Second Avenue; Third Avenue; A Street; and B Street; and that the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be and they are hereby authorized to accept easements for sewer, water and drainage purposes in said First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, A Street and B Street, from the owners thereof.

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**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets, or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Frances Street from High Rock Street southwesterly eight hundred and twelve (812') feet; Barrett Street from Marked Tree Road to Frances Street; Horace Street from Central Avenue to Frank Street; Chestnut Place from Chestnut Street westerly three hundred and six (306') feet; Emerson Place from Emerson Road southwesterly four hundred (400') feet; Plymouth Road from Harris Avenue southerly three hundred ninety-five (395') feet; Pine Grove Street from Central Avenue easterly to Lester Street;

raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the original construction thereof, including bituminous concrete sidewalks, laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; determine how such sum shall be raised; whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the following streets, or parts of streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and according to plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Frances Street from High Rock Street southwesterly seven hundred and twenty-four (724') feet; Barrett Street from Marked Tree Road to Francis Street; Horace Street from Central Avenue to Frank Street; Chestnut Place from Chestnut Street westerly three hundred and six (306') feet; Emerson Place from Emerson Road southwesterly four hundred (400') feet; Plymouth Road from Harris Avenue southerly three hundred and ninety-five (395') feet; and Pine Grove Street from Central Avenue easterly to Lester Street; that the sum of \$35,000.00 be appropriated for the original construction thereof, including bituminous concrete sidewalks, laid at the time of such construction, all under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments; and that said sum of \$35,000.00 be raised as follows:

From the current tax levy .....	29,202.92
By transfer of the unexpended balances of appropriations under Articles 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting .....	5,797.08

## UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000.00 for water main replacements, as recommended by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Andrew Bailey moved that Article 27 be postponed until after Article 51 and it was so voted.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to coordinate the development of plans for the Town's Water Division as recommended by the Superintendent of the Water Division; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That this article be dismissed.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Town Water Committee to study the problems of Town Water supply and distribution and of the organization, finances, and accounting of the Town water system; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of such committee; to determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of John R. Mansfield and others).

After an extended discussion Mr. Angell moved that further consideration of Article 29 be postponed until after Article 27 which was postponed until after Article 51 and it was so voted.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the reconstruction and extension of the storm water drainage system through ways and by easements through private lands to provide proper outlets for the run-off of storm waters from Town ways at the following locations:

In Lincoln, Garfield and Grant Streets and other lands from Kimball Street to the intersection of Pleasant and Howland Streets

determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of Charlotte B. Murphy and others).

Mr. Powers offered the following substitute motion which was passed.

**VOTED:** That the substance of this article be referred to the Planning Board for study; and that said board report its findings and recommendations thereon to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Yes 168      No 27

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improving the following brooks and adjacent swamp areas as requested by petitioners:

Hurd Brook, Rosemary Brook, Alder Brook and an area at rear of lots on Nehoiden, Lewis, Marshall Streets and Newell Avenue; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Guernsey offered the following substitute motion which did not pass.

**MOVED:** That the substance of this article be referred to the Planning Board and that said board report its findings and recommendations thereon to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

The original motion by the Selectmen was presented and

it was

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for improving the following brooks and swamp areas; Hurd Brook, Rosemary Brook, Alder Brook and an area at the rear of lots on Nehoiden, Lewis and Marshall Streets and Newell Avenue, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the reconstruction of the 24-inch drain outlet from Highland Avenue through an easement over private lands formerly owned by Richwagen and under the railroad to Town of Needham land extending to Rosemary Lake as requested by petitioners; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated for the reconstruction of the 24-inch drain outlet from Highland Avenue through an easement over private lands formerly owner by Richwagen and under the railroad to Town of Needham land extending to Rosemary Lake, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Palmer moved for reconsideration of Article 30.. Mr. Powers seconded Mr. Palmer's motion stating that the Town Meeting should not be discriminatory. When put to a vote the motion for reconsideration did not prevail. Yes 99 No 101.

Mr. Palmer asked for a roll call. Seven members rising in support of Mr. Palmer a roll call was ordered by the Moderator and the result was

Yes 128 No 100

and Article 30 was opened for reconsideration. Mr. Powers withdrew his motion and

it was

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$15,000.00 be appropriated for the reconstruction and extension of the storm water drainage system through ways and by easements through private lands to provide proper outlets for the run-off of storm waters from Town ways at the following locations:

In Lincoln, Garfield and Grant Streets and other lands from Kimball Street to the intersection of Pleasant and Howland Streets; and that said sum be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to abandon a portion of the "right of way for leading main from Reservoir" as taken by the Water Commissioners of the Town of Needham, dated August 11, 1890 and recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds on August 11, 1890 in Book 641, Page 469, being more fully described by a grant of easement from Enoch L. Pope to the Town of Needham, dated July 10, 1893, recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Book 701, Page 434, the center line of said portion of the right of way extending westerly from Donna Road across Lot A, owned now or formerly by Colwell Realty Trust, Wesley R. Colwell, Trustee, for a distance of about 92. feet and a width of 33. feet; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to abandon a portion of the "right of way for leading main from Reservoir" as taken by the Water Commissioners of the Town of Needham by order dated August 11, 1890, recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 641, Page 469, being more fully described by a grant of easement from Enoch L. Pope to Town of Needham, dated July 10, 1893, recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 701, Page 434, the center line of said portion of the right of way extending westerly from Donna Road across Lot A, now or formerly owned by Colwell Realty Trust, Wesley R. Colwell, Trustee, for a distance of about ninety-two (92) feet, said right of way having a width of thirty-three (33) feet.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to abandon a portion of an easement taken by the Board of Selectmen for sewer purposes on June 23, 1953 said portion to be abandoned being between points marked "A" and "B" on a plan entitled "Plan of Sewer Easement to be taken and portion to be abandoned by the Town of Needham, Massachusetts. Scale: 1 inch = 40 feet. Frank L. Cheney, Civil Engineer", dated October 7, 1953 and recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on November 5, 1953, Book 3215, Page 449, Plan 1477 of 1953; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town to abandon a portion of an easement taken by the Board of Selectmen for sewer purposes on June 23, 1953, said portion to be abandoned being between points marked "A" and "B" on a plan entitled "Plan of Sewer Easement to be taken and portion to be abandoned by the Town of Needham, Massachusetts. Scale 1 inch = 40 feet. Frank L. Cheney, Civil Engineer," dated October 7, 1953, and recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds on Novemebr 5, 1953, Book 3215, Page 449, Plan 1477 of 1953.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to relocate and alter the easterly line of Webster Street between Brookline Street and a point about 500 feet south of Holland Street to conform to the existing sidewalk lines.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to petition the Norfolk County Commissioners to relocate and alter the easterly line of Webster Street between Brookline Street and a point about five hundred (500) feet south of Holland Street, to conform to the existing sidewalk lines.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to lay out, widen, alter and relocate Kendrick Street and for said purpose to acquire by purchase or eminent domain the fee of, or an easement in, a strip of land bounded as follows:

Northerly by the Southerly sideline of Kendrick Street, as presently laid out, approximately 2660 feet; Easterly by the Newton-Needham city-town line; Westerly by the 1953 layout of Route #128; and Southerly by a line generally parallel to the Southerly line of Kendrick Street and Southerly therefrom varying distances, so that said Kendrick Street will be widened from its present condition of varying widths to a uniform width of sixty feet; or, in the alternative, to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Norfolk County Commissioners to lay out, alter and relocate said Kendrick Street;

to raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to petition the Norfolk County Commissioners to lay out, alter and relocate Kendrick Street so that it will be widened from its present condition of varying widths to a uniform width of sixty feet.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a professional survey of the Town's drainage problems, as recommended by the Selectmen; determine by whom said study shall be made and how said sum shall be raised; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for a professional survey of the Town's drainage problems, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,548.19 for the payment of outstanding charges against Town-owned land, as follows:

Sewer charge — Town water land, Great Plain Avenue	\$3,327.79
Sewer connection — 192 Chestnut Street	161.47

Balance 1953 real estate taxes on land acquired by Town in 1953, said taxes having been adjusted with previous owners:

Central Sand and Gravel Company	4.92
Emily A. E. Muller	1.34
Frederick B. Philbrick	52.67

as recommended by the Town Treasurer; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$3,548.19 be appropriated for the payment of outstanding charges against Town-owned land as follows:

Sewer charge — Town water land, Great Plain Avenue	\$3,327.79
Sewer connection — 192 Chestnut Street	161.47

Balance of 1953 real estate taxes on land acquired by the Town in 1953, said taxes having been adjusted with previous owners:

Central Sand and Gravel Company	4.92
Emily A. E. Muller	1.34
Frederick B. Philbrick	52.67

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to petition the Court for leave to turn over to an organized charity devoted to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the trust fund bequeathed to the Town by Mary Virginia Hill, the terms of said bequest being that the income of said fund should be devoted to the prevention of cruelty to animals, and the said fund now amounting, with accrued income on the principal thereof, to approximately \$1,400.00, as recommended by the Town Treasurer; or take any other action relative thereto.

Under Mr. Hardy's motion it was

**VOTED:** That consideration of this article be postponed until the adjourned session of this meeting on March 17, 1954.

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 for the purchase and installation of a chain link fence on Memorial Park along the boundary of the Alexander land, as recommended by the Memorial Park Trustees; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated to defray one-half the cost of purchasing and installing a chain link fence on Memorial Park along the boundary of the Alexander Bagguley land; that said sum be expended only when and if the owner of the abutting land contributes an equal amount toward the cost of such purchase and installation; and that the expenditure of said sum be under the supervision of the Memorial Park Trustees.

At 10:50 P.M. it was voted that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday, March 17, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk,*

Attest:

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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March 17, 1954

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Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 15, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Junior High School on Wednesday, March 17, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 545 voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 236 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. Rev. George M. Owen, Interim Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Dedham, was introduced by the Moderator, who stated that Rev. Owen had married his parents, had officiated at his own wedding, and had baptized both his wife and himself.

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to petition the Court for leave to turn over to an organized charity devoted to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the trust fund bequeathed to the Town by Mary Virginia Hill, the terms of said bequest being that the income of said fund should be devoted to the prevention of cruelty to animals, and the said fund now amounting, with accrued income on the principal thereof, to approximately \$1,400.00, as recommended by the Town Treasurer; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 39 having been postponed from the previous meeting was presented at this time. The Selectmen offered the following motion.

**MOVED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to petition the proper Court for leave to turn over to an organized charity devoted to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the trust fund bequeathed to the Town by Mary Virginia Hill, the terms of said bequest being that the income of said fund should be devoted to the prevention of cruelty to animals, said fund now amounting, with accrued income on the principal thereof, to approximately \$1,400.00.

Mrs. Beatrice A. Wood offered the following substitute motion and

it was

**VOTED:** That a committee be established, to consist of three members to be appointed by the Moderator; that said committee be instructed to investigate the possibilities of the Town's retention and use of the Mary Virginia Hill trust fund for the benefit of animals and wild-life in the Town; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town before the 1955 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations.

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of an equipment house on Memorial Park, as recommended by the Memorial Park Trustees; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Trustees of Memorial Park offered the following motion which did not pass.

**MOVED:** That the sum of \$24,000.00 be appropriated for the construction of an equipment house on Memorial Park, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Memorial Park Trustees.

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$400.00 for the instruction of aliens residing in the Town in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated for the instruction of aliens residing in the Town in Americanism and preparation for citizenship, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to obtain preliminary plans and specifications for an "All-purpose room" at the Harris School; instruct said committee to report back to the next special or annual Town Meeting; and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the purposes of said committee, as recommended by the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That a committee be established, to consist of three members, of whom one shall be appointed by the School Committee, one shall be appointed by the Finance Committee and one shall be appointed by the Harris School Parents and Teachers Club; that said committee be authorized to obtain preliminary plans and specifications for an "all-purpose room" at the Harris School; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations; and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the use of said committee.

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or eminent domain for school purposes eleven lots of land in Needham, with the trees and structures thereon, in the High Rock area, said lots being numbered on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 92 and being owned as follows:

Lot 162A on Willow Street, containing 3264 square feet, owned by Eva H. Crosby;

Lots 166 and 167 on Willow Street, containing a total of 9,000 square feet, owned by Terence O'Connor;

Lots 168, 169 and 170 on Spruce Street, containing a total of 12,000 square feet, owned by Alexander Cameron; and

Lots 180, 181 and 182 on Poplar Street, and Lots 183 and 184 on Willow Street, containing a total of 21,000 square feet, owned by Henry V. Perry;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That this article be dismissed.

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to designate as land held for school purposes and to turn over to the jurisdiction of the School Department for use in connection with the High Rock School the Town-owned land bounded and described as follows:

*Westerly* by land now or formerly of Ernest Riley;

*Northerly* by the south bound of Spruce Street and an extension of said bound to the Ernest Riley land;

*Easterly* by Linden Street; and

*Southerly* by the present High Rock School land;

as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to petition the General Court for the enactment of legislation authorizing the use for school purposes of the Town-owned park land, bounded and described as follows:

*Westerly* by land now or formerly of Ernest Riley;  
*Northerly* by the south bound of Spruce Street and an extension of said bound to the Ernest Riley land;  
*Easterly* by Linden Street; and  
*Southerly* by the present High Rock School land.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to remove from the jurisdiction of the School Department and transfer into the category of lands held for municipal purposes generally the following two parcels which were parts of the land acquired by the Town in 1950 as a site for the elementary school now known as the High Rock School:—

*First Parcel:* Lots 55, 56 and 57 on Sylvan Road, as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass. owned by David W. Pinkham May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C. E." recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan 932 of 1947 in Plan Book 143.

*Second Parcel:* That parcel bounded Easterly by land now or formerly of Gilfoil 199 feet more or less; Northeasterly by other land of Town of Needham 292.32 feet, more or less; Westerly by the Easterly side line of Linden Street 340.22 feet more or less; and Southerly by two bounds 151.79 feet and 143.21 feet respectively, being all that land lying Easterly of the Easterly line of Linden Street as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass. owned by David W. Pinkham May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C. E." recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan 932 of 1947 in Plan Book 143;

as recommended by the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town remove from the jurisdiction of the School Department and transfer into the category of land held for municipal purposes generally the following two parcels, which are parts of the land acquired by the Town in 1950 by deed of Meyer J. Gordon, Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estate of David W. Pinkham, as a site for the elementary school now known as the High Rock School;

*First Parcel:* Lots 55, 56 and 57 on Sylvan Road, as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass. owned by David W. Pinkham May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C. E." recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan 932 of 1947 in Plan Book 143.

*Second Parcel:* That parcel bounded Easterly by land now or formerly of Gilfoil 199 feet more or less; Northeasterly by other land of Town of Needham 292.32 feet, more or less; Westerly by the Easterly side line of Linden Street 340.22 feet more or less; and Southerly by two bounds 151.79 feet and 143.21 feet respectively, being all that land lying Easterly of the Easterly line of Linden Street as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Subdivision of Land in Needham, Mass. owned by David W. Pinkham May 6, 1947. H. L. Dodge, C. E." recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Plan 932 of 1947 in Plan Book 143;

a certificate of release by the School Committee of said parcels from School Department jurisdiction being filed with and made, by reference, a part of this motion.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

NEEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Needham 92, Massachusetts

March 11, 1954

Town of Needham

This is to certify that the School Committee under date of January 5, 1954, voted to release the parcels of land described in Article 46 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting Warrant from the jurisdiction of the School Department so that said land may be held for general municipal rather than school purposes.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Derwood A. Newman  
Superintendent of Schools

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost of distinctively finishing, decorating and equipping a room at the High School to be used as a library and dedicated as a living memorial to the citizens of Needham who lost their lives in World War I, World War II and Korea, the names of these persons to be inscribed on a separate panel in such room, as recommended by the War Memorial Committee established by vote under Article 75 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; determine how said sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$4,330.30 be appropriated to defray the cost of distinctively finishing, decorating and equipping a room at the High School to be used as a library and to be dedicated as a memorial to the citizens of Needham who lost their lives in World War I, in World War II and in Korea, the names of these citizens to be inscribed on a separate panel in such room; that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the War Salvage Account; that the committee established by vote under Article 75 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting be continued and that the expenditure of said appropriation be made under the supervision of said committee.

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of an addition to the present Junior High School building to make it adequate for one thousand pupils, to be completed by September, 1956, instruct said committee to undertake to obtain options for the purchase of such of the immediately adjacent properties as are required for the purpose of said addition; instruct said committee to report to the next special or annual town meeting with its recommendations; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the purposes of said committee; determine how said sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee.

Mr. Amos Hamburger presented the following motion for the Future School Needs Committee.

**MOVED:** That a committee be established, to consist of nine members, one to be appointed by the Selectmen, one to be appointed by the School Committee, one to be appointed by the Planning Board, one to be appointed by the Finance Committee, one to be appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, one to be appointed by the Public School Association, and three, of whom one shall be an experienced builder and one or more shall be members of the Future School Needs Committee, to be appointed by

the Moderator; that said committee be authorized and instructed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of an addition to the present Junior High School building to make it adequate for one thousand pupils; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

Mr. John Barr Dolan offered the following substitute motion.

**MOVED:** That a committee be established, to consist of five members, of whom two shall be appointed by the School Committee, two shall be appointed by the Selectmen and one shall be appointed by the Finance Committee, that said committee be authorized and instructed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of an addition to the present Junior High School building to make it adequate for one thousand pupils; that said committee be authorized and instructed to undertake to obtain options, for nominal considerations, for the purchase by the Town of such of the properties in the immediate vicinity of the present Junior High School building as, in the judgment of said committee are required for the purposes of said addition; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

Mr. Dolan offered an amendment that his motion should correspond exactly to the original motion except for the manner in which the committee will be appointed. Mr. Dolan asked leave to withdraw his substitute motion which was granted. An amended substitute motion was then filed by Mr. Dolan that corresponded with the original motion except for the manner in which the committee was appointed. When put to a vote this substitute motion was not accepted. Mr. Granberg then offered the following amendment which was accepted.

**VOTED:** That the motion be amended to direct the committee to use every effort to obtain the most economical plans consistent with the requirements for state aid.

The original motion, as amended, was presented and it was

**VOTED:** That a committee be established, to consist of nine members, one to be appointed by the Selectmen, one to be appointed by the School Committee, one to be appointed by the Planning Board, one to be appointed by the Finance Committee, one to be appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, one to be appointed by the Public School Association, and three, of whom one shall be an experienced builder and one or more shall be members of the Future School Needs Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, that said committee be authorized and instructed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of an addition to the present Junior High School building to make it adequate for one thousand pupils; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

**VOTED:** That the motion be amended to direct the committee to use every effort to obtain the most economical plans consistent with the requirements for state aid.

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a fourteen classroom elementary school

building to be ready for occupancy by September, 1956, on the land recently acquired by the Town in the Highland Park section, so-called, to replace the present Eliot School; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00 for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee.

Mr. Granberg offered the following amendment which was accepted.

**VOTED:** That the motion be amended to direct the committee to use every effort to obtain the most economical design consistent with the requirements for state aid.

The original motion, as amended, was presented and  
it was

**VOTED:** That a committee be established, to consist of nine members, one to be appointed by the Selectmen, one to be appointed by the School Committee, one to be appointed by the Planning Board, one to be appointed by the Finance Committee, one to be appointed by the Needham Taxpayers' Association, one to be appointed by the Public School Association, and three, of whom one shall be an experienced builder and one or more shall be members of the Future School Needs Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator; that said committee be authorized and instructed to obtain plans, specifications, working drawings and advice relative to the construction of a new elementary school building on the land recently acquired by the Town in the Highland Park section, so-called; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

**VOTED:** That the motion be amended to direct the committee to use every effort to obtain the most economical design consistent with the requirements for state aid.

It was

**VOTED:** That article 51 be considered before Article 50.

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee established by vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, and continued by vote under Article 63 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 1953, to make a study of future school needs; authorize and direct said committee to continue its work as provided in said vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee.

**VOTED:** That the Future School Needs Committee, established by vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting and last continued by vote under Article 63 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, be continued until the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; that said committee be instructed to continue its work as provided in said vote under Article 77 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting; that said committee be instructed to report to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations, and that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a committee to take options on land suitable for a second Junior High School and an additional elementary school, giving consideration to the possibility that one tract of land may serve the needs of both schools; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000.00 for said purposes; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto, as recommended by the Future School Needs Committee.

**VOTED:** That the Future School Needs Committee be authorized and instructed to undertake to obtain options in the name of the Town on land suitable as sites for a second Junior High School building and an additional elementary school building; that said committee be instructed to give consideration to the possibility that one tract of land may serve as the site for both buildings; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the purposes of said committee.

At this point Article 27, which had been previously postponed, was presented.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000.00 for water main replacements, as recommended by the Public Works Department; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$25,000.00 be appropriated from the current tax levy for relaying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Town Water Committee to study the problems of Town Water supply and distribution and of the organization, finances, and accounting of the Town water system; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of such committee; to determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of John R. Mansfield and others).

Article 29 was presented at this time. However, the Selectmen asked for further time before presenting their motion, which was granted, and the Town Meeting proceeded to the consideration of Article 52.

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will vote to continue for further study and report the special park and recreation committee established by vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; make available to said committee any unexpended balance of the appropriation for said committee's purposes under said vote; or take any other action relative thereto, as recommended by said committee.

**VOTED:** That the Special Park and Recreation Committee, established by vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting for further study and report; that said committee be instructed to report to the Town at the 1955 Annual Town Meeting with its recommendations; and that the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the purposes of said committee by the vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting be made available for the purposes of said committee.

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,500.00 for a professional survey of the Town's recreational requirements, as recommended by the special park and recreation committee established by vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion presented by Mr. Francis W. Coburn did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated for a professional survey of the Town's recreational requirements, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Special Park and Recreation Committee established by vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting and continued by vote under Article 52 of this warrant.

Yes 95 — No 122

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote not to authorize the sale of any Town-owned land until such time as the recreational survey referred to in the preceding article of this warrant has been completed, as recommended by the special park and recreation committee established by vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry.

**MOVED:** That no Town-owned land shall be sold until such time as the recreational survey referred to in Article 53 of this warrant has been completed and the results thereof reported to the Town.

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote to require that all fill removed from Town land by reason of construction projects or otherwise, be retained in Town ownership for Town use, as recommended by the park and recreation committee established by vote under Article 56 of 1953 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That all fill material removed from Town-owned land by reason of construction projects or otherwise be retained in Town ownership for Town use, its precise disposition to be determined by the board or committee within whose jurisdiction the land is held from which the fill is removed.

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement and maintenance of the Town-owned land on Hillside Avenue known as the Cricket Field, as recommended by the Recreation Committee; determine how said sum shall be raised and how expended, or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$8,500.00 be appropriated for the improvement and maintenance of the Town-owned land on Hillside Avenue known as the Cricket Field, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Recreation Committee.

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to place under the supervision of the Recreation Committee the Town-owned land on Rosemary Street known as Rosemary Beach; raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the operation and maintenance of said Beach; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town-owned land on Rosemary Street known as Rosemary Beach, and the recreational activities at said location, be placed under the supervision of the Recreation Committee.

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain the so-called Walker-Gordon pond and such land adjacent thereto as is needed to make a skating and recreation area for use of the residents of Needham; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of Artemas P. Richardson and others).

**VOTED:** That the substance of this article be referred to the Special Park and Recreation Committee, continued under Article 52 of this warrant, for its consideration and recommendations.

Article 29 was taken up at this time.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Town Water Committee to study the problems of Town Water supply and distribution and of the organization, finances, and accounting of the Town water system; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of such committee; to determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of John R. Mansfield and others).

Mr. Boyd Britton, for the Needham Taxpayers' Association, presented the following motion.

**MOVED:** That a Town Water Committee be established, without appropriation, to investigate the organization, finances and accounting of the Town's Water Division; that said committee consist of five members, of whom one shall be designated by each of the following: the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, the Needham Taxpayers' Association and the Moderator; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Chalmers Peairs, Jr., offered the following substitute motion which was accepted after a lengthy discussion.

**VOTED:** That a Town Water Committee be appointed, to consist of two members to be appointed by the Selectmen, and one each to be designated by the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, the Taxpayers' Association, the Board of Health, and the Moderator; said committee to serve without appropriation, and not to be concerned with arrangements for temporary water supply relief through a Sudbury Aqueduct connection, but to investigate and advise and consult with the Selectmen on long-range Town water supply and distribution policy, and on the organization, finances, and accounting procedures of the water division, and to report to the Town not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Yes 130 — No 76

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to convey to The Lt. Manson H. Carter Post, No. 2498, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, for a nominal consideration, as a site for its headquarters the Town-owned land in Needham consisting of approximately one acre, bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly three hundred (300) feet by a line two hundred and fifty (250) feet Northeasterly from and at right angles to the Northeasterly line of Dedham Avenue; Northwesterly two hundred and three (203) feet by a line at right angles to said Southwesterly bound; Northeasterly one hundred and thirty (130) feet more or less; and Easterly by Town of Needham water land two hundred and sixty (260) feet more or less; together with a twenty (20) foot

right of way from the Easterly corner of the above-described parcel to Dedham Avenue; being a portion of the Norris Farm so-called, acquired by the Town under Article 55 of the 1941 Annual Town Meeting and described in deed of Ziba A. Norris to Inhabitants of the Town of Needham dated April 25, 1941, recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds May 17, 1941. Book 2326, Page 574; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of James M. Willis and others).

The following motion was presented by Mr. Robert Kimball for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**MOVED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, on behalf of the Town, to convey to The Lt. Manson H. Carter Post No. 2498 Building Association Incorporated, for the sum of one dollar, as a site for the headquarters of The Lt. Manson H. Carter Post No. 2498, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, hereinafter called the Needham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Town-owned land in Needham, consisting of approximately one acre, bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly three hundred (300) feet by a line two hundred and fifty (250) feet Northeasterly from and at right angles to the Northeasterly line of Dedham Avenue; Northwesterly two hundred and three (203) feet by a line at right angles to said Southwesterly bound; Northeasterly one hundred and thirty (130) feet more or less; and Easterly by Town of Needham water land two hundred and sixty (260) feet more or less; together with a twenty (20) foot right of way from the Easterly corner of the above-described parcel to Dedham Avenue, being a portion of the Norris Farm so-called, acquired by the Town under Article 55 of the 1941 Annual Town Meeting and described in deed of Ziba A. Norris to Inhabitants of the Town of Needham dated April 25, 1941, recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds May 17, 1941. Book 2326, Page 574;

that the following restrictions, conditions and reservations be included in and made a part of the Town's deed by which said conveyance is made:

1. That the plans for any building to be erected by the grantee on said land shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen before construction is commenced.

2. That no mortgage or mortgages exceeding \$10,000.00 in the aggregate shall at any time be placed on said premises.

3. That in the event the Needham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, shall at any time in the future disband, cease to be active or cease to use said premises for its headquarters, or in the event the holder of any mortgage on said premises shall commence foreclosure proceedings thereunder or apply to any court for authority to commence foreclosure proceedings, title to said land and all buildings thereon shall revert to the Town, subject only to such mortgage or mortgages not exceeding \$10,000.00 in the aggregate, as shall at said time be an encumbrance on said property.

4. That the then officers of the grantee shall do all things necessary to vest legal title to said premises in the Town, subject to said mortgage or mortgages, in the event the Needham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars at any time in the future shall vote to disband or shall become inactive or shall cease to use said premises for its headquarters.

5. That the grantee will at no time make a conveyance of its equity in said premises to any person other than to the Town of Needham.

Mr. James Willis explained the aims and desires of the organization in connection with this building. Mr. Andrew Bailey offered the following substitute motion.

**MOVED:** That the substance of Article 59 be referred to the Town Lands Committee for study and said Committee report its findings to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Hardy offered a further substitute motion.

**MOVED:** That the substance of this article be referred to a committee of five citizens, to be appointed by the Moderator, which committee is hereby established; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town not later than May 15, 1954, with its recommendations.

Mr. Tattersall offered an amendment to Mr. Hardy's motion which was accepted.

**AMENDMENT:** That the following words in Mr. Hardy's motion be stricken out "a committee to be appointed by the Moderator" and that the following be inserted in place thereof; "the present Town Lands Committee."

Mr. Hardy's motion, as amended, was then presented and  
it was

**VOTED:** That the substance of this article be referred to the present Town Lands Committee and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town not later than May 15, 1954, with its recommendations.

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee, established by vote under Article 72 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to make a study of the advisability of constructing a fire department sub-station in the Broadmeadow Road section of the Town, for further study and report, as recommended by said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the committee established by vote under Article 72 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the advisability of constructing a fire department sub-station in the Broad Meadow Road section of the Town be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that said committee be instructed to make a further report to the Town with its recommendations prior to said Meeting.

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the Town's Fire Department, as recommended by the committee established by vote under Article 72 of 1953 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Cross offered the following motion which did not prevail.

**MOVED:** That the sum of \$34,000.00 be appropriated for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the Town's Fire Department.

Yes 92 — No 110

A roll call was requested by more than seven Town Meeting Members. The result of the roll call was

Yes 100 — No 125

**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will vote to continue for further study the committee established by vote under Article 73 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots within the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the committee established by vote under Article 73 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the advisability of naming and marking historical spots within the Town be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that said committee be instructed to make a report to the Town with its recommendations prior to said Meeting.

**ARTICLE 63.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to assist the Board of Selectmen in working out the details incident to the disposal of certain Town-owned land, including portions of the High Rock School land, two parcels adjacent to the William Mitchell School land and three other parcels of land located in residential areas, as recommended by the committee for the study of Town-owned land established under Article 77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; to continue said latter committee for said purpose; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the committee established by vote under Article #77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the feasibility of the sale of Town-owned land be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of working out, in conjunction with the Selectmen, the details of the disposition of the Town-owned land referred to in this article; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with specific recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

At 11:20 P.M. it was voted that the meeting adjourn until Monday, March 22, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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March 22, 1954

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Pursuant to adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting held March 17, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in the Junior High School on Monday, March 22, 1954 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Check lists were used and 523 voters were checked on the lists as being present. There were 223 Town Meeting Members present.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who asked that the Town Meeting Members rise and observe a moment of silence in memory of Sullivan A. Sargent, Jr., who had passed away since the last meeting. Father Mark H. Keohane offered a prayer before the business meeting was opened.

**ARTICLE 64.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Building By-Law by striking therefrom the present Section 9 of Article XII dealing with fences, hedges and similar obstructions near street intersections, as recommended by the Building Inspector; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town's Building By-Law be amended by striking therefrom the present Section 9 of Article XII dealing with fences, hedges and similar obstructions near street intersections.

## UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 65.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws by inserting in Article IV thereof, captioned "Police Regulations" the following new Section 15:

"Section 15. No fence, hedge or similar obstruction shall be erected, maintained or permitted to grow to a height exceeding three feet within thirty feet of any street or highway intersection so as to limit or obstruct the view of vehicular traffic entering such intersection";  
as recommended by the Building Inspector, or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by inserting in Article IV thereof, captioned "Police Regulations," the following new Section 15.

"Section 15. No fence, hedge or similar obstruction shall be erected, maintained or permitted to grow to a height exceeding three feet within thirty feet of any street or highway intersection so as to limit or obstruct the view of vehicular traffic entering such intersection."

## UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 66.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by striking out Section 11 of Article 4 thereof under the caption 'Police Regulations' and by inserting in place thereof the following new section:

"Section 11. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or other explosive articles within the limits of any park, playground, public way, public building or other public property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt or fire or discharge any firearm or other explosive articles on any private property except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. This by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties."

(on petition of Richard D. Burnham and others).

**VOTED:** That the General By-Laws be amended by striking out Section 11 of Article 4 under the caption "Police Regulations" and by inserting in place thereof the following new section.

"Section 11. No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or other explosive articles within the limits of any park, playground, public way, public building or other public property except with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, or hunt or fire or discharge any firearm or other explosive articles on any private property except with the consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof. This by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life, property, or to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties."

**ARTICLE 67.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by striking out Section 3 of Article I thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 3. In addition to the legal notification required by the foregoing section, the Town Clerk shall cause to be delivered or mailed to every Town Meeting member a copy of the Warrant for each Town Meeting seven days at least before the time named in the Warrant for holding said meeting and shall further cause a copy of said Warrant to be published in a newspaper published, or by its title purporting to be published, in the Town, said publishing to be not less than seven days before the time of said meeting. The said delivering or mailing and the said publishing shall not, however, constitute any part of the service of said Warrant."

or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That this article be referred back to the Selectmen for further study.

**ARTICLE 68.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 20 of the Zoning By-Laws, captioned "Setback", by adding a new sentence at the end of the first paragraph thereof to read as follows:

"A fence of any type, over four feet in height above the ground, shall be deemed a structure within the meaning of this section and subject to the set-back provisions hereof.;"

or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not pass.

**MOVED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by adding the following new sentence at the end of the first paragraph of Section 20 thereof, captioned "Setback."

"A fence of any type, over four feet in height above the ground, shall be deemed a structure within the meaning of this section and subject to the set-back provisions hereof."

**ARTICLE 69.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding a new Section 20B to read as follows:

*Section 20B — Side-line setback.* "No part of any building hereafter erected on a lot of land within a residence or institutional district within the Town shall be placed or constructed within fifteen feet of the sidelines of said lot."; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Leonard W. Rowley offered a substitute motion and at this point Mr. Frank Bridges offered a second substitute motion which did not pass.

**MOVED:** Section 20B. Side line set back. No part of any dwelling hereafter erected on a lot of land having a greater frontage than 100 ft. within a residential or institutional district within the town shall be placed or constructed within 15 feet of the sidelines of said lot.

Mr. Rowley's motion was then presented and when put to a vote it did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by adding thereto a new Section 20B, to read as follows:

*Section 20B—Side-line setback.* "No part of any building hereafter erected on a lot of land within a residence or institutional district within the Town shall be placed or constructed within TEN feet of the sidelines of said lot."

The original motion of the Planning Board was then presented and

it was

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by adding thereto a new Section 20B to read as follows:

*Section 20B—Side-line setback.* No part of any dwelling hereafter erected on a lot of land within a residence or institutional district within the Town shall be placed or constructed within fifteen feet of the sidelines of said lot."

Yes 173 — No 29

**ARTICLE 70.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 27A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, providing in substance that after acceptance of the section no proposed zoning by-law making a change in any existing by-law, which has been unfavorably acted upon by a Town Meeting, shall be considered on its merits by the Town Meeting within two years after the date of such unfavorable acts unless the adoption of such proposed by-law is recommended in a final report of the planning board to the Town Meeting, as recommended by the Planning Board.

It was voted to postpone action on Article 70 until after consideration of Article 78.

**ARTICLE 71.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws to increase Zone A as provided for in Section 10B of this by-law by adding a new sub-paragraph to said Section 10B, to read as follows:

"(c) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Southwesterly* by Dedham Avenue;  
*Northerly* and *northwesterly* by South Street;  
*Northeasterly* by Great Plain Avenue;  
*Easterly* by Greendale Avenue;  
*Southerly* by Dedham Town Line."

or take any other action relative thereto.

It was also voted to postpone consideration of Article 71 until after Article 75 had been acted upon.

**ARTICLE 72.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws to increase Zone A as provided for in Section 10B of this by-law by adding a new sub-paragraph to said Section 10B, to read as follows:

"(d) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Northwesterly* by the Wellesley Town Line;

*Southwesterly*, westerly, and again southwesterly by the present Zone A;

*Southeasterly* and easterly by Central Avenue;

*Northeasterly* by Hunnewell Street.";

or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of John R. Mansfield and others).

Mr. Hardy moved to pass over Article 72 and to take up Article 73 in order to set up Zone "C". It was so voted.

**ARTICLE 73.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10 of the Zoning By-Laws by striking out the first sentence of the first paragraph thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"There shall be a Zone A, a Zone B, and a Zone C in the Town"; and by inserting a new sentence between the third and fourth sentences of said first paragraph to read as follows: "In Zone C there shall be provided for each building or structure, constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 20,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 100 feet." so that, said first paragraph of Section 10 will read as follows:

"Section 10. There shall be a Zone A, a Zone B, and a Zone C in the Town. In Zone A there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than one acre, and a frontage of not less than 150 feet. In Zone B there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 10,000 square feet and frontage of not less than 80 feet. In Zone C there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 20,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 100 feet. But nothing contained in this section shall prevent the construction or placing of a building or structure upon a lot having less area or frontage, or both than required above if, at the effective date of this by-law, the lot had less area or frontage, or both, and if such less area or frontage, or both, did not result from an attempt to circumvent the intent of this by-law, and if, at the effective date of this by-law, the owner did not have adjoining land available to make up the deficiency in the above requirements. No lot shall be reduced in area or frontage if it already has or will be caused to have less area or frontage than required by this section, except by a taking by eminent domain or a conveyance for a public purpose.";

or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of John R. Mansfield and others).

Mr. Walton offered a substitute motion which in substance provided for a Zone C having an area of not less than 15,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 100 feet. A point of order was raised on Mr. Walton's substitute motion. The Moderator ruled that the motion was in order. Mr. Foss questioned the Moderator's ruling since the motion

sought a change in a By-Law which had not been previously advertised. He appealed from the ruling of the chair on the grounds that 15,000 square feet is not within the scope of the motion. The Moderator asked Mr. Frykberg to take over as Moderator in order that he might defend his ruling. When put to a vote the Moderator's ruling was upheld. Mr. Walton's substitute motion was then discussed. Mr. Phelan was given permission to speak as an attorney for a number of people involved in the Central Avenue and South Street areas. There was further discussion on the question of the 15,000 square foot area for Zone C. When put to a vote the motion did not carry by a two-thirds vote.

**MOVED:** That Section 10 of the zoning by-laws be amended by striking out the first sentence of the first paragraph thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"There shall be a Zone A, a Zone B, and a Zone C in the Town;" and by inserting between the third and fourth sentences of said paragraph, a new sentence reading as follows:

"In Zone C there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 15,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 100 feet."

So that the first paragraph of Section 10 will read as follows:

"SECTION 10. There shall be a Zone A, a Zone B, and a Zone C in the Town. In Zone A there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than one acre; and a frontage of not less than 150 feet. In Zone B there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 10,000 square feet and frontage of not less than 80 feet. In Zone C there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 15,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 100 feet. But nothing contained in this section shall prevent the construction or placing of a building or structure upon a lot having less area or frontage, or both than required above if, at the effective date of this by-law, the lot had less area or frontage, or both, did not result from an attempt to circumvent the intent of this by-law and if, at the effective date of this by-law, the owner did not have adjoining land available to make up the deficiency in the above requirements. No lot shall be reduced in area or frontage if it already has or will be caused to have less area or frontage than required by this section, except by a taking by eminent domain or a conveyance for a public purpose."

The original motion by Mr. Bower for the Planning Board carried and it was

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by striking out the first sentence of the first paragraph of Section 10 thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"There shall be a Zone A, a Zone B, and a Zone C in the Town"; and by inserting a new sentence between the third and fourth sentences of said first paragraph to read as follows: "In Zone C there shall be provided for each building or structure, constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 20,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 100 feet."

so that said first paragraph of Section 10 will read as follows:

"Section 10. There shall be a Zone A, a Zone B, and a Zone C in the Town. In Zone A there shall be provided for each building

or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than one acre, and a frontage of not less than 150 feet. In Zone B there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 10,000 square feet and frontage of not less than 80 feet. In Zone C there shall be provided for each building or structure constructed or placed hereafter, a lot of land having an area of not less than 20,000 square feet and a frontage of not less than 100 feet. But nothing contained in this section shall prevent the construction or placing of a building or structure upon a lot having less area or frontage, or both than required above if, at the effective date of this by-law, the lot had less area or frontage, or both, and if such less area or frontage, or both, did not result from an attempt to circumvent the intent of this by-law, and if, at the effective date of this by-law, the owner did not have adjoining land available to make up the deficiency in the above requirements. No lot shall be reduced in area or frontage if it already has or will be caused to have less area or frontage than required by this section, except by a taking by eminent domain or a conveyance for a public purpose."

Yes 202 — No 1

**ARTICLE 72.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws to increase Zone A as provided for in Section 10B of this by-law by adding a new sub-paragraph to said Section 10B, to read as follows:

"(d) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Northwesterly* by the Wellesley Town Line;

*Southwesterly*, westerly, and again *southwesterly* by the present Zone A;

*Southeasterly* and easterly by Central Avenue;

*Northeasterly* by Hunnewell Street.";

or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of John R. Mansfield and others).

Mrs. Frances B. Eaton offered the following substitute motion which did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the Zoning By-Laws be, and they are hereby amended by adding a new sub-paragraph to Section 10B, reading as follows:

"C. That area bounded

*North-westerly* by the Town of Wellesley boundary line;

*South-westerly* by Great Plain Avenue;

*South-easterly and Easterly* by Central Avenue; and

*North-easterly* by Forest Street."

The original motion presented by Mr. Peairs, Jr., for the Needham Taxpayers' Association was accepted and

it was

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended to increase Zone A as provided for in Section 10B thereof by adding a new sub-paragraph to said Section 10B as follows:

"(d) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Northwesterly* by the Wellesley Town Line;

*Southwesterly*, westerly, and again *southwesterly* by the present Zone A;

*Southeasterly* and easterly by Central Avenue;

*Northeasterly* by Hunnewell Street."

Yes 161 — No 51

**ARTICLE 74.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10B of the Zoning By-Laws, to define a new Zone C, as provided for in Section 10 of this by-law, by inserting in said Section 10B, immediately before the final paragraph thereof, the following:

"Zone C, as provided for in Section 10 of this by-law, shall include the following areas in the Town:

(a) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Northwesterly* by the Wellesley Town Line;

*Southwesterly*, westerly, and again southwesterly by the present Zone A;

*Southeasterly* and easterly by Central Avenue;

*Northeasterly* by the Circumferential State Highway (Route 128) as relocated in 1953.";

or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That this article be dismissed.

**ARTICLE 75.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10B of the Zoning By-Laws, to define a new Zone C as provided for in Section 10 of this by-law, by inserting in said Section 10B, immediately before the final paragraph thereof, the following:

"Zone C, as provided for in Section 10 of this by-law, shall include the following areas in the Town:

(b) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Northwesterly* by the Wellesley Town Line;

*Southwesterly* by Hunnewell Street;

*Southeasterly* by Central Avenue;

*Northeasterly* by the Circumferential State Highway (Route 128) as relocated in 1953.";

or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of John R. Mansfield and others).

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended, to define a new Zone C, as provided for in Section 10 of said By-Laws, by inserting in Section 10 thereof, immediately before the final paragraph thereof, the following:

"Zone C, as provided for in Section 10 of this by-law, shall include the following areas in the Town:

(b) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Northwesterly* by the Wellesley Town Line;

*Southwesterly* by Hunnewell Street;

*Southeasterly* by Central Avenue;

*Northeasterly* by the Circumferential State Highway (Route 128) as relocated in 1953."

Yes 204 — No 0

Article 71 came before the Town Meeting at this time.

The following substitute motion by Mrs. Frances B. Eaton did not pass.

**MOVED:** To increase Zone C as provided in Section 10B by including the area described in Article 71.

The original motion presented by Mr. Bower for the Planning Board was accepted and

it was

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended to increase Zone A as provided for in Section 10B thereof by adding a new sub-paragraph to said Section 10B as follows:

"(c) That area bounded and described as follows:

*Southwesterly* by Dedham Avenue;  
*Northerly* and *northwesterly* by South Street;  
*Northeasterly* by Great Plain Avenue;  
*Easterly* by Greendale Avenue;  
*Southerly* by Dedham Town Line."

Yes 180 — No 12

**ARTICLE 76.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out the present definition of Zone B in Section 10B of the Zoning By-Laws and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"Zone B, as provided for in Section 10 of this by-law, shall include all that part of the Town not included in Zones A and C as specified in this section."; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Law be amended by striking out the present definition of Zone B in Section 10B thereof and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"Zone B, as provided for in Section 10 of this by-law, shall include all that part of the Town not included in Zones A and C as specified in this section."

Yes 196 — No 1

**ARTICLE 77.** To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Map by changing the area now zoned as general residence district on the northwesterly side of Central Avenue to a single residence district; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning Map be amended by changing to a single residence district that area on the northwesterly side of Central Avenue now zoned as a general residence district.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 78.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Laws by adding to sub-paragraph 6 of Section 3 thereof the following new sentence:

"Provided, however, that nurseries and greenhouses in single residence districts shall be permitted to sell, during the Christmas season, cut Christmas trees and wreaths grown or fabricated elsewhere than on the premises."

So that said sub-paragraph 6 of Section 3, pertaining to permitted uses in single residence districts, shall read:

"6. Farms, greenhouses, nurseries and truck gardens, but only if and so long as all sales activities in connection therewith are confined to products of the particular farm, greenhouse, nursery or truck garden, or of the soil thereof. Provided, however, that nurseries and greenhouses in single residence districts shall be permitted to sell, during the Christmas season, cut Christmas trees and wreaths grown or fabricated elsewhere than on the premises."; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of Maurice A. Wales and others).

**VOTED:** That the Town's Zoning By-Laws be amended by adding to sub-paragraph 6 of Section 3 thereof the following new sentence:

"Provided, however, that nurseries and greenhouses in single residence districts shall be permitted to sell, during the Christmas season, cut Christmas trees and wreaths grown or fabricated elsewhere than on the premises."

so that said sub-paragraph 6 of Section 3, pertaining to permitted uses in single residence districts, shall read as follows:

"6. Farms, greenhouses, nurseries and truck gardens, but only if and so long as all sales activities in connection therewith are confined to products of the particular farm, greenhouse, nursery or truck garden, or of the soil thereof. Provided, however, that nurseries and greenhouses in single residence districts shall be permitted to sell, during the Christmas season, cut Christmas trees and wreaths grown or fabricated elsewhere than on the premises."

Yes 138 — No 58

Article 70 was taken up at this time.

**ARTICLE 70.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 27A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, providing in substance that after acceptance of the section no proposed zoning by-law making a change in any existing by-law, which has been unfavorably acted upon by a Town Meeting, after the date of such unfavorable acts unless the adoption of such proposed by-law is recommended in a final report of the planning board to the Town Meeting, as recommended by the Planning Board.

**VOTED:** That the Town accept and it does hereby accept Section 27A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, providing that no proposed zoning by-law making a change in any existing by-law, which has been unfavorably acted upon by a Town Meeting, shall be considered on its merits by the Town Meeting within two years after the date of such unfavorable action unless the adoption of such proposed by-law is recommended in a final report of the Planning Board to the Town Meeting.

Yes 196 — No 3

**ARTICLE 79.** To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate toward the cost of erecting a memorial at the traffic circle at Washington Street and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Highway, in Dedham, as a memorial to the memory of the members of the Marine Corps who died in the service of their country. (on petition of Leslie B. Cutler and others).

The following motion did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated toward the cost of erecting a memorial at the traffic circle at Washington Street and Veterans of Foreign Wars Highway in Dedham, as a memorial to the memory of the members of the Marine Corps who died in the service of their country.

**ARTICLE 80.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the purpose of paying part of the premiums for Group Life Insurance for permanent employees of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1952; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of J. Harold Stubbs and others).

The Salary and Wage Committee introduced the following Substitute Motion which carried.

**VOTED:** That the substance of this article be referred to the Salary and Wage Committee for further study.

**ARTICLE 81.** To see if the Town will vote to assume the operation of the Dental Clinic, heretofore sponsored by the New Century Club and financed by United Community Service funds, placing the same under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health, as recommended by the committee established by vote under Article 47 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the cost of operation of said Dental Clinic; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town assume the operation of the Dental Clinic, heretofore sponsored by the New Century Club and financed by United Community Service funds; that said clinic be placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health; and that the sum of \$2100.00 be appropriated to defray the cost of its operation for the balance of 1954.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 82.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$500.00 for the expenses of Christmas decorations on Town buildings, grounds and ways in the year 1954; or take any other action relative thereto. (on petition of Ada G. Rodenhaven and others).

The following motion by Mr. Clarke Wertheim for the Board of Trade did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the expenses of Christmas decorations on Town buildings, ground and ways in the year 1954, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 83.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee, or to continue the committee established by vote under Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting of June 15, 1953, to make a study of the over-all problem of the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse in the Town, on recommendation of said latter committee; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the committee established by vote under Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting of June 15, 1953, to make a study of the over-all problem of the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse in the Town be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; that said committee be instructed to make a report to the Town with its recommendations prior to said Annual Town Meeting in 1955.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 84.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee, to consist of five citizens to be appointed by the Moderator, to study the question of the fluoridation of the Town's public water supply and to report to the Town with its recommendation, as recommended by the Board of Public Health; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That a committee be established, to consist of five persons to be appointed by the Moderator, to study the question of the fluoridation of the Town's public water supply; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 85.** To see if the Town will vote to continue for further study the committee established by vote under Article 60 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, and last continued by vote under Article 77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, said committee having been established to study the proposal for the formation of a Union Health Department for Needham in cooperation with other towns; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the committee established by vote under Article 60 of the 1951 Annual Town Meeting, and last continued by vote under Article 77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; that said committee be instructed to continue its study of the proposal for the formation of a Union Health Department for Needham in cooperation with other towns; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Town with its recommendations prior to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 86.** To see if the Town will vote to continue for further study the committee established, by vote under Article 51 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, to study the use and possible development of land along the Charles River for park and recreational purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the committee established by vote under Article 51 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study the use and possible development of land along the Charles River for park and recreational purposes be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting; and that said committee be instructed to make a further study and to report to the Town with its recommendations prior to said 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 87.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$3,500.00 to cover the cost of taking the census in January and February of 1955; determine how such sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$3,500.00 be appropriated to cover the cost of taking the census in January and February of 1955, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Town Clerk.

**ARTICLE 88.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$200.00 to reimburse the Norfolk County Jail and House of Correction for a fine paid to the Town in error; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated to reimburse the Norfolk County Jail and House of Correction for a fine paid to the Town in error, the Town not being legally entitled to the same.

**ARTICLE 89.** To see what action the Town will vote to take relative to the filing and printing of the reports of committees established by vote at this Town Meeting.

**VOTED:** That the reports of all committees established or continued by vote at this meeting be filed with the Board of Selectmen prior to January 15, 1955, and that said reports be printed as appendices to the report of the Finance Committee to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting in 1955.

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

**ARTICLE 90.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet, in part, appropriations heretofore made by this Town Meeting, and to authorize the Town's Assessors to use such sum as available funds to meet appropriations in their computation of the tax rate for the current year; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$187,000.00 be appropriated and transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account to meet, in part, appropriations heretofore made at this Town Meeting; and that the Town's Assessors be authorized to use such sum as available funds to meet appropriations in their computation of the tax rate for the current year.

## UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 91.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer into the Excess and Deficiency Account the unexpended balances of appropriations made under Special Articles at prior Town Meetings in instances where the purposes of the appropriations have been accomplished; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the following unexpended balances of appropriations made under Special Articles at previous Town Meetings be transferred to the Excess and Deficiency Account:

Meeting	Date	Article No.	Account Name	Amount
Special	June 18, 1951	10	Railroad Parking Lot .....	\$ 592.61
Annual	Mar. 20, 1950	29	Water Tank Installation .....	1,135.06
Annual	Mar. 15, 1951	30	Painting Water Standpipe .....	126.65
Annual	Mar. 16, 1953	30	Walks Betterment —	
			Great Plain Avenue .....	816.61
Special	June 15, 1953	4	Broad Meadow School Drains .....	77.94
Annual	Mar. 16, 1953	25	Drains Construction .....	558.77
Annual	Mar. 16, 1953	29	Walks Construction .....	720.58
Annual	Mar. 15, 1951	61	Police Garage Addition .....	188.75
Special	Jan. 31, 1951	3	Auxiliary Generator .....	379.78
Annual	Mar. 16, 1953	22	TB X-Ray Program .....	191.00
Annual	Mar. 17, 1952	113	Stephen Palmer Cafeteria .....	3.97
Annual	Mar. 20, 1950	57	Dwight School Construction .....	2,732.61
Special	Oct. 23, 1950	6 & 8	Dwight School Reconstruction .....	2,421.97
Special	Oct. 23, 1950	7	Dwight School	
			Equipment Repair .....	1,820.67
Annual	Mar. 17, 1952	115	Dwight School Kitchen .....	608.53
Annual	Mar. 15, 1951	53	Dwight School Site	
			Improvement .....	25.24
Annual	Mar. 20, 1950	85	Insurance Study Committee .....	180.00

**ARTICLE 92.** To see if the Town will vote to have printed the reports of its officers and committees for the year 1954, the proceedings of this and subsequent Town Meetings in 1954, and the Assessors' valuation list for 1954; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That not exceeding 3,500 copies of the reports of Town Officers and Departments for 1954 be printed, the same to be made available to citizens of the Town on request, notice of availability to be announced in the press; that not exceeding 500 copies of the proceedings of this meeting and of subsequent town meetings in 1954 be printed; and that the preparation, printing and distribution of all said reports be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 93.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, especially to act upon all appropriations asked for, or proposed by, the Selectmen, or any Town officer or committee; to appoint such committees as may be decided upon; and to take action upon any other matters which may properly come before the meeting.

Mr. Ridgley G. Shepherd introduced the following motion which carried.

**VOTED:** That the committee established by vote under Article 77 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting to study ways for improving the postal facilities for the Town be continued to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting for further study; and that said committee be instructed to make a further report to the Town with its recommendations prior to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. John Bailey offered the following resolution which was accepted.

**VOTED: RESOLUTION**

Whereas: We believe it would be of value to the committee appointed under Article 48 of the 1954 Town Meeting as well as to the future advantage of the Town of Needham and its School Department;  
and

Whereas: A briefing in the overall future needs of the School Department, and in particular the Junior High School requirements, as well as an understanding of the reasons leading to its appointment, should be a required preliminary in the work of such a committee;

Be it therefore **RESOLVED:**

That it is the desire of this Town Meeting that the Committee appointed under Article 48 of this Town Meeting consult with the Future School Needs Committee, and the School Committee, before proceeding with any commitments for the expenditure of the money appropriated under Article 48 of this Town Meeting.

Mr. Guernsey, chairman of the Finance Committee, thanked the Town Department heads for their cooperation during the past year.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, extended his thanks to all Town Meeting Members for their cooperation and expressed his appreciation for the fine manner in which the Moderator conducted the Town Meeting with the many problems with which he was faced.

The meeting was dissolved at 10:50 P.M. March 22, 1954.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk.*

Attest:



# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

## RECORD OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 17, 1954



NEEDHAM TIMES

1954



# RECORD OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 17, 1954

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Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Selectmen on April 27, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs met in the Junior High School in said Town on May 17, 1954 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 317 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 206 town meeting members present, constituting a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M. by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. The Rev. E. Gage Hotaling opened the meeting with a prayer. Robert King and Theodore Bell were sworn as tellers. The call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion. The Town Meeting Members then proceeded to the consideration of the articles in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to declare that an emergency exists requiring an additional source of water supply for the Town; to authorize the connecting of the Town's water supply system to the Metropolitan District Commission water supply system at the Sudbury Aqueduct for the Town's emergency water supply requirements; to authorize the purchase of water from the Metropolitan District Commission by said means and for said purposes; to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a contract with the Metropolitan District Commission for the making of said connection and the purchase of water; to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost of purchasing such water during the year 1954; determine how said sum shall be raised and how expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That an emergency be and the same is hereby declared to exist requiring an additional source of water supply for the Town; that the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized to make application on behalf of the Town for membership in the Metropolitan Water District in order to enable the Town to take a portion of its water supply from the sources of the Metropolitan District Commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 92 of the General Laws and acts and amendments thereof or in addition thereto; that the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to enter into a contract with said Commission for the making of a connection, at the Town's expense, between the Sudbury Aqueduct and the Town's water distribution system and for the obtaining of water for the Town from said Aqueduct at the prevailing rate per million gallons for all water pumped by the Town therefrom; that said contract contain a provision that the Town's entrance fee as a member of said District be held in abeyance until, and be considered when, the Commission is in a position to supply the Town with water from its Hultman Aqueduct; and that the sum of \$2,400.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the cost of purchasing said water from the Commission during the year 1954, said sum to be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the construction of a pumping station and for the equipment for the same and the connection of said station with the Metropolitan District Commission water system at the Sudbury Aqueduct; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$75,000.00 for laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That Articles 2 and 3 be considered together at this time.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$100,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the following purposes:

1. for the construction of a pumping station building and the purchase of original pumping station equipment therefor, said building and equipment to be used for the pumping of water from the Sudbury Aqueduct into the Town's water distribution system, and
2. for laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter;

and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized to borrow said sum of \$100,000.00 under the authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended, and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with said Chapter 44 as amended, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than fifteen years.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to request the Massachusetts Department of Public Works to undertake such work for the improvement of the drainage and water control in the Webster Street, Central Avenue and Hillside Avenue areas of the Town, through which Hurd Brook runs, as it deems reasonable and proper; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Town's contribution to the total cost of said work; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether from the 1955 tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to request the Massachusetts Department of Public Works to undertake such work for the improvement of the drainage and water control in the Webster Street, Central Avenue and Hillside Avenue areas of the Town, through which Hurd Brook runs, as said Department deems reasonable and proper; that the sum of \$20,000.00 be raised and appropriated from the tax levy in the year 1955 as the Town's contribution to the total cost of said work; but that in no event shall the amount paid out of said appropriation as the Town's contribution exceed fifty percent of the total cost of said work.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to convey to The Lt. Manson H. Carter Post No. 2498 Building Association Incorporated, for the sum of one dollar, as a site for the headquarters of The Lt. Manson H. Carter Post No. 2498, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the town-owned land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

*Southeasterly* by South Street 180 feet;  
*Southwesterly* by Dedham Avenue 200 feet;  
*Northwesterly* by other land of Town of Needham 200 feet;

and  
*Northeasterly* by other land of Town of Needham about 250 feet;

Containing about 42,500 square feet;  
 or take any other action relative thereto.

The following motion did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, on behalf of the Town, to convey to the Lt. Manson H. Carter Post No. 2498 Building Association Incorporated, for the sum of one dollar, as a site for the headquarters of The Lt. Manson H. Carter Post No. 2498, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, hereinafter called the Needham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Town-owned land in Needham bounded and described as follows:

*Southeasterly* by South Street 180 feet;  
*Southwesterly* by Dedham Avenue 200 feet;  
*Northwesterly* by other land of Town of Needham 200 feet;

and  
*Northeasterly* by other land of Town of Needham about 250 feet.

Containing about 42,500 square feet; and

that the following restrictions, conditions and reservations be included in and made a part of the Town's deed by which said conveyance is made:

1. That the plans for any building to be erected by the grantee on said land shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen before construction is commenced.
2. That in the event the Needham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, shall at any time in the future disband, cease to be active or cease to use said premises for its headquarters, or in the event the holder of any mortgage on said premises shall commence foreclosure proceedings thereunder or apply to any court for authority to commence foreclosure proceedings, title to said land and all buildings thereon shall thereupon revert to and become revested in the Town of Needham, subject only to such mortgage or mortgages not exceeding \$10,000.00 of principal in the aggregate, plus any interest or other lawful charges that might be due thereon, as shall at said time be an encumbrance on said property.
3. That a mortgage or mortgages, not exceeding \$10,000.00 of principal in the aggregate, and containing usual statutory mortgage covenants, statutory conditions and statutory power of sale provisions, may at any time be placed on the aforesaid premises, but that no mortgagee or holder of a mortgage on said premises shall complete foreclosure proceedings as to said mortgage sooner than four months from the date when said foreclosure proceedings shall have been commenced, thereby allowing the Town of Needham the opportunity to determine whether to appropriate the necessary funds to pay off said mortgage and redeem said property.
4. That the then officers of the grantee corporation shall do all things necessary to revest legal title to said premises in the Town of Needham, subject to said mortgage or mortgages, in the event the Needham Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at any time in the future shall vote to disband or shall become inactive or shall cease to use said premises for its headquarters.

5. That except by means of said mortgage or mortgages the grantee will at no time convey said premises to any person other than the Town of Needham.

Yes 53 No 126

**ARTICLE 6.** To see what action the Town will vote to take relative to a professional survey of the Town's recreational requirements, as recommended by the Special Parks and Recreation Areas Committee established by vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting and continued by vote under Article 52 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$600.00 be raised and appropriated for a professional survey of the Town's recreational requirements, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Special Parks and Recreation Areas Committee established by vote under Article 56 of the 1953 Annual Town Meeting and continued by vote under Article 52 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for legislation, either by way of amendment of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1932, entitled "An Act Establishing in the Town of Needham Representative Town Government by Limited Town Meetings," as already amended by Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1937 and by Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1950, or otherwise, to permit an increase in the number of voting precincts in the Town from six to seven and to provide that, other than the officers designated in said Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1932 as town meeting members at large, the representative town meeting membership shall in each precinct consist of the largest number divisible by three which will admit of a representation thereof in the approximate proportion which the number of voters therein bears to the total number of registered voters in the Town, and which will cause the total elected membership to be as nearly two hundred and fifty-two as may be; or take any other action relative thereto.

The following substitute motion by Mr. Harry Martin did not carry.

**MOVED:** That the Moderator appoint a committee of 6, one from each precinct, to make a study and report at next Annual Town Meeting.

Yes 86 No 106

Mr. Martin requested a roll call, but there were not seven Town Meeting Members who stood in favor of the roll call. Therefore the roll call was not taken.

Mr. Powers offered the following amendment, which was accepted.

**VOTED:** That the legislation submitted by the Town to the General Court in support of the petition under this Article shall provide that before the Selectmen shall establish any precinct or alter the boundaries thereof, they shall cause their proposal relative to the establishment of such precinct or the alteration of such boundaries to be published in one or more newspapers having circulation in the Town and shall cause a public hearing of such proposal to be held not less than ten days before said proposal is to take effect.

The original motion, as amended, was passed and it was

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Town to petition the General Court for legislation, either by way of amendment of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1932, entitled "An Act Establishing in the Town of Needham Representative Town Government by Limited Town Meetings," as already amended by Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1937 and by Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1950, or otherwise, to permit an increase in the number of voting precincts in the Town from six to not more than ten and to provide that, other than the officers designated in said Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1932 as town meeting members at large, the representative town meeting membership shall in each precinct consist of the largest number divisible by three which will admit of a representation thereof in the approximate proportion which the number of voters therein bears to the total number of registered voters in the Town, and which will cause the total elected membership to be as nearly two hundred and fifty-two as may be. That the legislation submitted by the Town to the General Court in support of the petition under this Article shall provide that before the Selectmen shall establish any precinct or alter the boundaries thereof, they shall cause their proposal relative to the establishment of such precinct or the alteration of such boundaries to be published in one or more newspapers having circulation in the Town and shall cause a public hearing of such proposal to be held not less than ten days before said proposal is to take effect.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes that may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$4,200.00 for extending the drainage system westerly about eight hundred (800) feet from State Highway in easements through private lands and in and through Fairfield Street to provide a proper outlet for the run-off of storm water from ways petitioned for acceptance by the Town; determine how such sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$4,200.00 be raised and appropriated for extending the drainage system westerly about eight hundred feet from the State Highway in easements through private lands and in and through Fairfield Street to provide a proper outlet for the run-off of storm water from ways petitioned for acceptance by the Town; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

The articles in the warrant having been completed, Mr. Wertheim for the Needham Board of Trade requested permission of the Town Meeting Members to introduce a Resolution concerning the carrying on of certain business on the Lord's Day. The Moderator explained something of the background of the provisions of the General Laws for this situation. When

put to a vote the Moderator declared "The naves have it" and the Resolution could not be presented. A count of hands was requested, and the tellers reported 97 votes in the affirmative and 95 in the negative, which permitted the presentation of the Resolution. The Resolution was accepted when put to vote, 97 having voted in the affirmative and 80 in the negative.

**RESOLVED:** That there now exists in the Town of Needham the need for relief to the public and those businesses customarily doing business on the Lord's Day. And be it further resolved that our Town and State officials are hereby requested to take such steps as may be necessary to provide said relief, as soon as possible, up to and including amendments to the law by the General Court.

Mr. Stewart offered the following Resolution, which was accepted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town of Needham, through this Town Meeting, express its grateful appreciation for the loyal, arduous and effective service rendered to the Town by the following-named members of the Dwight School Addition Building Committee:

Henry D. Hersey, *Chairman*  
Helen E. White, *Secretary*  
Frederic L. Glover  
H. Wesley Kent  
Sidney Stewart

A second Resolution was offered by Mr. Stewart, which was also accepted.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town of Needham, through this Town Meeting, express its grateful appreciation for the loyal, arduous and effective service rendered to the Town by the following-named members of the Broad Meadow School Building Committee:

J. Samuel Slicer, *Chairman*  
Weldon Welfling, *Secretary*  
A. Victor Gilfoy  
Harry W. Baughman, Jr.  
Charles L. Hall, Jr.  
Paul B. Richwagen  
Emma B. Bailey  
Karl W. Richards  
Harold A. Page

There being no further business to be transacted, the Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:36 p.m. on May 17, 1954.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
*Town Clerk*

# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

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TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS  
OF THE

## RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

September 14, 1954

AND

## RECORD OF STATE ELECTION

November 2, 1954

AND

## RECORD OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 13, 1954

AND

## REPORT OF STATE AUDIT



NEEDHAM TIMES

1954



## RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

September 14, 1954

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen, August 17, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections, met at the polling places designated for the several precincts in said Needham on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September in the year 1954 at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating State and County officers. The polls remained open until 8:00 P.M.

The polling places had been designated as follows:

The voters of Precincts 1 and 3, in the Junior High School

The voters of Precinct 2, in the Harris School

The voters of Precinct 4, in the High Rock School

The voters of Precinct 5, in the William Carter School

The voters of Precinct 6, in the William Mitchell School

The ballot box returns in the Precincts were as follows:

<i>Precincts</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
2:00 P.M.	35	23	31	32	8	19
4:00 P.M.	70	36	75	55	19	43
6:00 P.M.	112	104	135	95	51	83
8:00 P.M.	197	195	201	196	112	166

The Town Clerk and the Selectmen, upon receipt of the returns from the several precincts, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 9:40 P.M.

The total number of votes cast was as follows:

	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Total</i>
Precinct 1 .....	171	26	197
Precinct 2 .....	172	23	195
Precinct 3 .....	186	15	201
Precinct 4 .....	170	26	196
Precinct 5 .....	93	19	112
Precinct 6 .....	151	15	166
	943	124	1067

Total vote — 1067

(10% of Registered voters)

The result of the balloting was as follows:

# DEMOCRATIC

Total Number of Votes Cast

## GOVERNOR

Robert F. Murphy, Malden

Francis E. Kelly, Boston

Blanks

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

James A. Burke, Boston

Blanks

## SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin, Chelsea

Blanks

## TREASURER

Clement A. Riley, Norwood

William F. Carr, Boston

John F. Kennedy, Canton

Blanks

## AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley, Boston

Blanks

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

John F. Collins, Boston

Blanks

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Foster Furcolo, Longmeadow

John I. Fitzgerald, Boston

Joseph L. Murphy, Boston

Blanks

## CONGRESSMAN

John J. Craven, Boston

Thomas F. Gallagher, Boston

James F. Gardner, Quincy

Blanks

# TOWN OF NEEDHAM

	Precincts										Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	26	23	15	26	19	15	124				
	18	19	14	21	18	14	104				
	5	4	1	4	1	1	16				
	3	0	0	1	0	0	4				
	20	19	14	23	17	10	103				
	6	4	1	3	2	5	21				
	20	18	14	23	16	11	102				
	6	5	1	3	3	4	22				
	12	10	6	13	11	6	58				
	6	6	6	7	2	4	31				
	5	4	2	4	5	4	24				
	3	3	1	2	1	1	11				
	21	18	15	23	15	11	103				
	5	5	0	3	4	4	21				
	22	19	15	24	16	10	106				
	4	4	0	2	3	5	18				
	16	14	11	17	18	14	90				
	7	5	1	5	1	0	19				
	1	1	1	2	0	0	5				
	2	3	2	2	0	1	10				
	13	6	6	10	9	5	49				
	6	10	2	8	1	1	28				
	2	2	5	5	4	4	22				
	5	5	2	3	5	5	25				

# COUNCILLOR

William Grossman, Boston

James F. Hanlon, Boston

Nathan T. Shindler, Boston

John C. Tuttle, Westwood

Blanks

## SENATOR

Joseph G. Galligan, Jr., Canton

Blanks

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Paul Hayward, Dedham

Blanks

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Joseph F. X. Doherty, Quincy

Blanks

## REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

Blanks

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Wilfred E. Arcand, Bellingham

Blanks

## COUNTY TREASURER

Clement A. Riley, Norwood

Blanks

## REPUBLICAN

Total Number of Votes Cast

## GOVERNOR

Christian A. Herter, Millis

Blanks

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Sumner G. Whittier, Everett

Blanks

## SECRETARY

Michael J. McCarthy, East Bridgewater

Blanks

# TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

	Precincts					
	1	2	3	4	5	Total
William Grossman, Boston	3	1	0	0	0	4
James F. Hanlon, Boston	9	9	6	14	8	49
Nathan T. Shindler, Boston	2	2	2	4	0	11
John C. Tuttle, Westwood	6	3	3	5	5	28
Blanks	6	8	4	3	6	32
Joseph G. Galligan, Jr., Canton	18	19	10	22	12	91
Blanks	8	4	5	4	7	33
Paul Hayward, Dedham	15	14	9	22	11	80
Blanks	37	32	21	30	27	168
Joseph F. X. Doherty, Quincy	17	18	11	22	13	91
Blanks	9	5	4	4	6	33
Wilfred E. Arcand, Bellingham	26	23	15	26	19	124
Blanks	14	15	7	19	10	75
Clement A. Riley, Norwood	12	8	8	7	9	49
Blanks	0	0	0	0	2	2
	26	23	15	26	17	122
Total Number of Votes Cast	171	172	186	170	93	943
Christian A. Herter, Millis	163	166	180	162	90	911
Blanks	8	6	6	8	3	32
Sumner G. Whittier, Everett	159	165	180	163	91	906
Blanks	12	7	6	7	2	37
Michael J. McCarthy, East Bridgewater	154	160	172	156	86	871
Blanks	17	12	14	14	7	72

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	Precincts						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
TREASURER	159	161	174	162	88	146	890
Augustus G. Means, Essex	12	11	12	8	5	5	53
Blanks							
AUDITOR	156	155	172	156	83	147	869
William P. Constantino, Clinton	15	17	14	14	10	4	74
Blanks							
ATTORNEY GENERAL	161	161	170	162	88	149	891
George Fingold, Concord	10	11	16	8	5	2	52
Blanks							
SENATOR IN CONGRESS	164	165	179	165	89	149	911
Leverett Saltonstall, Dover	7	7	7	5	4	2	32
Blanks							
CONGRESSMAN	159	163	175	159	86	148	890
Richard B. Wigglesworth, Milton	12	9	11	11	7	3	53
Blanks							
COUNCILLOR	154	161	169	160	84	146	874
Charles J. Gabriel, Hingham	17	11	17	10	9	5	69
Blanks							
SENATOR	145	131	161	140	84	136	797
Leslie B. Cutler, Needham	19	37	21	24	6	15	122
Elliott K. Slade, Milton	7	4	4	6	3	0	24
Blanks							
REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT	139	139	159	139	68	130	774
Francis A. Harding, Dedham	153	155	174	151	88	148	869
Harold Putnam, Needham	50	50	39	50	30	24	243
Blanks							
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	79	66	98	78	44	70	435
Sturtevant Burr, Brookline	2	7	5	1	4	3	22
George Philip Carney, Quincy	87	95	80	85	43	72	462
Myron N. Lane, Quincy	3	4	3	6	2	6	24
Blanks							

# REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

Alfred E. Henderson, Dedham  
Blanks

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Everett M. Bowker, Brookline  
Ralph H. Hutchinson, Randolph  
Charles J. Vaughan, Milton

Blanks

## COUNTY TREASURER

Raymond C. Warmington, Quincy  
Blanks

## TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

The ballots cast in the several precincts were returned to the Town Clerk in the sealed packages. The voting lists used at the entrances to the polling places and at the ballot boxes with the tally sheets and copy of the precinct record of elections were also returned, all properly sealed in conformity with the laws governing elections.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
Town Clerk

	1	2	3	Precincts		5	6	Total
	157	162	171	156	86	145	877	
	14	10	15	14	7	6	66	
	120	111	123	111	64	100	629	
	30	36	42	29	14	28	179	
	10	19	10	18	11	16	84	
	11	6	11	12	4	7	51	
	158	160	174	157	81	145	875	
	13	12	12	13	12	6	68	

## RECORD OF STATE ELECTION

November 2, 1954

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen, October 11, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham, qualified to vote in elections, met at the polling places designated for the several precincts in said Needham on Tuesday, the second day of November in the year 1954 at 6:45 in the forenoon. The polls remained open until eight o'clock in the afternoon.

The polling places had been designated as follows:

The voters of Precincts 1 and 3, in the Junior High School

The voters of Precinct 2, in the Harris School

The voters of Precinct 4, in the High Rock School

The voters of Precinct 5, in the William Carter School

The voters of Precinct 6, in the William Mitchell School

The ballot box returns in the Precincts were as follows:

<i>Precincts</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
8:00 A.M.	101	194	148	145	105	151
10:00 A.M.	299	416	408	388	287	500
12:00 Noon	457	601	609	—	440	680
2:00 P.M.	590	708	738	661	551	760
4:00 P.M.	703	805	867	812	680	905
6:00 P.M.	881	1102	1133	1080	950	1207
8:00 P.M.	1169	1468	1527	1523	1469	1566
Absentee Votes	14	19	41	26	11	31
Soldier Absentee Votes	2	8	2	4	6	1
	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1185	1495	1570	1553	1486	1598
Total	8,887					

(81.6% of Registered Voters)

The Town Clerk and the Selectmen, upon receipt of the returns from the several precincts, forthwith canvassed the same and announced the results at 12:00 midnight.

The result of the balloting was as follows:

Total Number of Votes Cast	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
	1185	1495	1570	1553	1486	1598	8887

**GOVERNOR**

Christian A. Herter of Millis	938	1322	1405	1331	1063	1339	7398
Robert F. Murphy of Malden	228	169	159	219	413	249	1437
Lawrence Gilfeder of Boston	3	0	0	1	3	2	9
Guy S. Williams of Boylston	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Blanks	15	4	6	2	6	8	41

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Sumner G. Whittier of Everett	932	1317	1403	1325	1068	1337	7382
James A. Burke of Boston	226	165	161	218	398	247	1415
Donald E. Babcock of Pittsfield	2	1	0	3	0	1	7
Francis A. Votano of Lynn	1	1	0	1	6	3	12
Blanks	24	11	6	6	14	10	71

**SECRETARY**

Edward J. Cronin of Chelsea	297	266	244	330	506	359	2002
Michael J. McCarthy of East Bridgewater	832	1207	1296	1176	937	1199	6647
Fred M. Ingersoll of Lynn	4	1	1	2	6	10	24
William D. Ross of Brookline	7	2	5	3	1	2	20
Blanks	45	19	24	42	36	28	194

**TREASURER**

John F. Kennedy of Canton	264	220	214	279	490	327	1794
Augustus G. Means of Essex	879	1256	1338	1237	943	1245	6898
Henning A. Blomen of Boston	3	2	0	1	8	5	19
Isaac Goddard of Newton	8	4	2	4	6	1	25
Blanks	31	13	16	32	39	20	151

**AUDITOR**

Thomas J. Buckley of Boston	347	326	354	396	555	417	2395
William P. Constantino of Clinton	792	1140	1184	1112	879	1133	6240
John B. Lauder of Revere	7	3	4	3	3	4	24
Anthony Martin of Boston	3	5	1	1	5	4	19
Blanks	36	21	27	41	44	40	209

**TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS**

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM

	Precincts						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
George Fingold of Concord	908	1282	1367	1257	1031	1295	7140
John F. Collins of Boston	239	195	184	276	421	277	1592
Howard B. Rand of Haverhill	5	2	1	2	2	1	13
Malcolm T. Rowe of Peabody	2	1	1	1	4	5	14
Blanks	31	15	17	17	28	20	128
SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
Leverett Saltonstall of Dover	909	1318	1394	1294	1023	1315	7253
Foster Furcolo of Longmeadow	256	167	168	247	447	273	1558
Thelma Ingersoll of Lynn	1	0	2	1	4	4	12
Harold J. Ireland of Worcester	4	0	1	1	0	0	6
Blanks	15	10	5	10	12	6	58
CONGRESSMAN (Thirteenth District)							
Richard B. Wigglesworth of Milton	922	1299	1375	1273	1005	1289	7163
James F. Gardner of Quincy	233	175	179	260	443	287	1577
Blanks	30	21	16	20	38	22	147
COUNCILOR (Second District)							
Charles J. Gabriel of Hingham	881	1273	1336	1237	984	1269	6980
James F. Hanlon of Boston	231	183	194	270	428	291	1617
Blanks	53	39	40	46	74	38	290
SENATOR (Second Norfolk District)							
Leslie B. Cutler of Needham	942	1270	1348	1306	1098	1299	7263
Joseph G. Galligan, Jr. of Canton	215	203	205	222	358	268	1471
Blanks	28	22	17	25	30	31	153
REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (Sixth Norfolk District)							
Francis A. Harding of Dedham	795	1177	1242	1131	846	1135	6326
Harold Putnam of Needham	967	1266	1332	1313	1137	1343	7363
Paul Hayward of Dedham	220	191	191	236	388	277	1523
Blanks	388	356	375	406	601	436	2562
DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Norfolk District)							
Joseph F. X. Doherty of Quincy	272	218	234	293	453	325	1795
Myron N. Lane of Quincy	868	1246	1302	1216	973	1239	6844
Blanks	45	31	34	44	60	34	248

# REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY (Norfolk County)

Anna E. Hirsch of Dedham

Blanks

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Norfolk County)

Wilfred E. Arcand of Bellingham

Everett M. Bowker of Brookline

Blanks

## COUNTY TREASURER (Norfolk County)

Raymond C. Warmington of Quincy

Blanks

### QUESTION NO. 1

A. Shall license be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES

NO

BLANKS

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES

NO

BLANKS

C. Shall license be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES

NO

BLANKS

### TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS

	1	2	3	Precincts			6	Total
				4	5			
	1003	1373	1451	1364	1205		1422	7818
	182	122	119	189	281		176	1069
	256	185	191	252	437		282	1603
	861	1258	1323	1229	972		1255	6898
	68	52	56	72	77		61	386
	1000	1363	1428	1358	1184		1408	7741
	185	132	142	195	302		190	1146
	172	177	193	220	383		256	1401
	906	1216	1263	1189	920		1195	6689
	107	102	114	144	183		147	797
	173	169	195	218	374		256	1385
	887	1193	1236	1166	894		1170	6546
	125	133	139	169	218		172	956
	382	397	466	547	714		559	3065
	748	1028	1046	937	678		976	5413
	55	70	58	69	94		63	409

QUESTION NO. 2

A. Shall the para-mutual system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

YES  
NO  
BLANKS

B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

YES  
NO  
BLANKS

	Precincts						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
YES	344	485	524	563	587	494	2997
NO	741	905	966	885	747	988	5232
BLANKS	100	105	80	105	152	116	658
YES	288	370	429	493	518	426	2524
NO	777	999	1042	935	795	1036	5584
BLANKS	120	126	99	125	173	136	779

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

The ballots cast in the several precincts were returned to the Town Clerk in the sealed packages. The voting lists used at the entrances to the polling places and at the ballot boxes with the tally sheets and copy of the precinct record of elections were also returned, all properly sealed in conformity with the laws governing elections.

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
Town Clerk

Attest:

## RECORD OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Monday, December 13, 1954

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Selectmen on November 27th, 1954, the Inhabitants of the Town of Needham qualified to vote in Town affairs met in the Junior High School in said Town on December 13, 1954 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The checkers appointed by the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk.

Check lists were used and 274 voters were checked on the list as being present. There were 192 town meeting members present, constituting a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P.M., by the Moderator, Harold Putnam. The Rev. Harold H. Cramer opened the meeting with a prayer. Robert J. Latham and Henry Larson were sworn as tellers. The new Town Meeting Members, who had been elected to fill vacancies since the Annual Town Meeting, were introduced by the Moderator. The call to the meeting and the officer's return were read by the Town Clerk, the reading of the Articles in the Warrant being waived upon motion. The Town Meeting Members then proceeded to the consideration of the articles in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to retain and designate for school purposes the following lots of land in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called, in the Town, now held by the Town on tax titles: Lots 60, 64 and 65 in said sub-division, all as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144 and containing a total of 12,000 square feet; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town retain and designate for school purposes the following lots of land in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called, in the Town, now held by the Town on tax titles; Lots 60, 64 and 65, all as shown on Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144 and containing a total of 12,000 square feet.

## UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in the following lots of land, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called, in the Town, now held by the Town on tax titles and in which former owners or other persons may have rights of redemption or other outstanding rights and interests, said lots being shown on the Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144 and being owned prior to takings for taxes by the Town as follows:

Lots 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 75, 82, 95 and 107, formerly owned by Anna D. McKay;  
Lots 64 and 65, formerly owned by Maud A. McDonald;  
Lots 67, 68 and 69, formerly owned by Suburban Realty Co.;  
Lots 76 and 77, formerly owned by Hazel Statzell;  
Lots 78, 79, 83, 84, 85 and 86, formerly owned by Andrew and Evelyn Brigman;

Lot 87, formerly owned by Frank P. Bennett;  
 Lots 88, 89 and 102, formerly owned by John L. Ayer;  
 Lot 90, formerly owned by Annie J. Jaeger;  
 Lot 91, formerly owned by Mark Chapman;  
 Lot 92, formerly owned by John H. Norton;  
 Lots 93, 94, 108 and 109, formerly owned by Edwin M. Hall;  
 Lot 98, formerly owned by Dora E. Varney; and  
 Lots 103 and 104, formerly owned by John Pierce;

raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in the following lots of land, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, in the Town, now held by the Town on tax titles and in which former owners or other persons may have rights of redemption or other outstanding rights and interests, said lots being shown on the Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144 and being owned prior to takings by the Town for taxes as follows:

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 Lots 64 and 65, formerly owned by Maud A. McDonald;  
 Lots 67, 68 and 69, formerly owned by Suburban Realty Co.;  
 Lots 76 and 77, formerly owned by Hazel Statzell;  
 Lots 78, 79, 83, 84, 85 and 86, formerly owned by Andrew and Evelyn Brigman;

Lot 87, formerly owned by Frank P. Bennett;  
 Lots 88, 89 and 102, formerly owned by John L. Ayer;  
 Lot 90, formerly owned by Annie J. Jaeger;  
 Lot 91, formerly owned by Mark Chapman;  
 Lot 92, formerly owned by John H. Norton;  
 Lots 93, 94, 108 and 109, formerly owned by Edwin M. Hall;  
 Lot 98, formerly owned by Dora E. Varney; and  
 Lots 103 and 104, formerly owned by John Pierce;  
 and that the sum of fifteen dollars be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account and made available for the purpose of said acquisition.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in certain parcels of land, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called, in the Town, including in said taking by eminent domain all easements for the purposes of travel or otherwise over said parcels, said parcels being shown as streets or ways, or parts of streets or ways, on Assessors' Plan No. 144, and being described as follows:

Holden Street, formerly known as Hill Street;  
 Hobart Street, formerly known as Highland Avenue;  
 Pearl Street, formerly known as Park Avenue;  
 that part of Haven Street, formerly known as Heath Street, extending from Crane Street, formerly known as Charles Street, to the northeasterly bound of Lot No. 69, as shown on said plan, extended southeasterly across said Haven Street; and

that part of Crane Street, formerly known as Charles Street, extending from Hobart Street, formerly known as Highland Avenue, to a line running between the northeasterly corner of Lot No. 38 and the northwesterly corner of Lot No. 32, all as shown on said plan;

said five parcels being now or formerly owned by Julian E. Severance and William J. McDonald and being subject to easements for the purposes of travel or otherwise owned by the owners of lots of land in said Highland Park sub-division abutting one or more of said parcels, the owners of said easements being as follows:

Hazel G. Somers; William J. and Helen G. Pettigrew; Carrie A. Hornbeck, Elizabeth H. MacWilliams and Robert S. Marsh; Edward H. Kurz; Ralph W. and Mary Crosby; William W. and Julia E. Montgomery; Raymond and Mary J. Duffy; Ernest C. and Elizabeth S. Jensen; John J. and Elizabeth A. Slaney; Dexter B. and Ruth A. Hill; Thomas A. and Lillian J. Moffatt; John F. and Helen M. Hunt; and Anthony and Grace Pandolf; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by eminent domain for school purposes the fee simple in certain parcels of land, with the trees and structures thereon, in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called, in the Town, including in said taking by eminent domain all outstanding easements for the purposes of travel or otherwise over said parcels, said parcels being shown as streets or ways, or parts of streets or ways, on the Needham Assessors' Plan No. 144, and being described as follows:

Holden Street, formerly known as Hill Street;

Hobart Street, formerly known as Highland Avenue;

Pearl Street, formerly known as Park Avenue;

that part of Haven Street, formerly known as Heath Street, extending from Crane Street, formerly known as Charles Street, to the northeasterly bound of Lot No. 69, as shown on said plan, extended southeasterly across said Haven Street; and

that part of Crane Street, formerly known as Charles Street, extending from Hobart Street, formerly known as Highland Avenue, to a line running between the northeasterly corner of Lot No. 38 and the northwesterly corner of Lot No. 32, all as shown on said plan;

said five parcels being now or formerly owned by Julian E. Severance and William J. McDonald and being subject to easements for the purposes of travel or otherwise owned by the owners of lots of land in said Highland Park sub-division abutting one or more of said parcels, the owners of said easements being as follows:

Hazel G. Somers; William J. and Helen G. Pettigrew; Carrie A. Hornbeck, Elizabeth H. MacWilliams and Robert S. Marsh; Edward H. Kurz; Ralph W. and Mary Crosby; William W. and Julia E. Montgomery; Raymond and Mary J. Duffy; Ernest C. and Elizabeth S. Jensen; John J. and Elizabeth A. Slaney; Dexter B. and Ruth A. Hill; Thomas A. and Lillian J. Moffatt; John F. and Helen M. Hunt; and Anthony and Grace Pandolf; and that the sum of fifteen dollars be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account and made available for the purpose of said acquisition.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of a new elementary school building on the land owned by the Town in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called, in the Town, as a replacement for the present Eliot School building, and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said new elementary school building; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purposes; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or by borrowing, or both, and if in part by borrowing, whether under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, or under authority of Chapter 645 of the

Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and any other acts amending the same, or both; and how said sum shall be expended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Conners, for the Finance Committee presented the following motion:

**MOVED:** That the Town authorize the construction of a new elementary school building on the Town-owned land in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, in the Town, as a replacement for the present Eliot School building, and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said elementary school building; that the sum of \$538,500.00 be raised and appropriated for said construction, including necessary plans, specifications, working drawings and architects' fees, and for original equipment and furnishings; that the sum of \$18,500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purposes, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$520,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable in not more than twenty years, under the authority of and in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950, and any other acts amending the same.

Mr. Bottum offered a substitute motion which was followed by a lengthy discussion concerning the merits of an additional room to be used as an auditorium. The auditorium as originally planned by the architect called for a rising floor with stationary seats. It was brought out that this type of an auditorium would not lend itself to any kind of sports. When the substitute motion was put to a vote a count of hands was taken Yes 105 — No 68. This was not the necessary two-thirds vote. A roll call was requested and more than seven Town Meeting Members signified their desire for same. The result of the roll call was Yes 120 — No 65 and the substitute motion did not prevail. Mr. John Bailey asked for reconsideration of the vote as he felt there was a general misunderstanding as to the type of auditorium that would be built. Mr. Glover offered the following amendment which was later withdrawn with the consent of the Town Meeting Members.

*"Amendment: that the Building Committee is authorized to construct a separate auditorium provided the seats be on a flat floor with movable seats."*

Mr. Bond, as Chariman of the committee to obtain plans and specifications for the new school, stated, after conferring with his committee, that if the present planning committee were constituted a building committee they will provide a flat surface floor in the auditorium. When the substitute motion was reconsidered

it was

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the construction of a new elementary school building on the Town-owned land in the Highland Park subdivision, so-called, in the Town, as a replacement for the present Eliot School building, and the purchase of original equipment and furnishings for said new elementary school building; that the sum of \$572,500.00 be raised and appropriated for said construction, including necessary plans, specifications, working drawings and architects' fees, and for original equipment and furnishings; that the sum of \$22,500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for said purposes, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to borrow the balance of \$550,000.00 and to issue the notes or bonds of the Town therefor, payable

in not more than twenty years, under the authority of and in accordance with Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950, and any other acts amending the same.

Yes 137 — No 38

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee, or to constitute the present committee of nine members established under Article 49 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, as a building committee; authorize and direct said committee to supervise the construction and original equipping and furnishing of the elementary school building referred to in Article 4 of this warrant; authorize said committee to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; authorize and direct said committee to take all action necessary to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the cost of constructing said building and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or any other applicable statutes; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the present committee of nine members, established under Article 49 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, be constituted a school building committee; that said committee be authorized and directed to supervise the construction and original equipping and furnishing of the new elementary school building referred to in Article 4 of this warrant; that said committee be authorized to contract for and in the name of the Town and to do all other acts and things necessary for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes; that said committee be authorized and directed to take all action necessary under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended to obtain approval of said building and of the original equipping and furnishing of the same from the School Building Assistance Commission of the Commonwealth, to obtain approval of the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of the necessary borrowing for the same, and to obtain for the Town partial reimbursement from the Commonwealth for the cost of constructing said building and originally equipping and furnishing the same, under the provisions of said Chapter 645, as amended, and other applicable statutes.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to acquire from the Metropolitan District Commission a permanent easement across the Sudbury Aqueduct land adjacent to Wellesley Avenue in Needham, for the purpose of establishing an access drive from Wellesley Avenue to the site of the new elementary school building in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of said acquisition; authorize the construction of a fence by the Town along the northerly side of said easement; raise and appropriate a sum of money for said fence; determine how said sums shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town acquire from the Metropolitan District Commission a permanent easement across the Sudbury Aqueduct land adjacent to Wellesley Avenue in Needham, for the purpose of establishing an access drive from Wellesley Avenue to the site of the new elementary school building in the Highland Park sub-division, so-called; that the sum of \$250.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account and made available for the purposes of said acquisition; that the Town authorize the construction of a fence along the northerly side of said easement; that the sum of

\$750.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account and made available for the cost of purchasing and installing said fence; and that the acquisition of said easement and the purchase and installation of said fence be accomplished by the committee constituted under Article 5 of this warrant.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to designate and use for school purposes the whole or any part of the Town-owned park land in Needham bounded westerly by land now or formerly of Ernest Riley, northerly by the south bound of Spruce Street and an extension of said bound to the Ernest Riley land, easterly by Linden Street and southerly by the present High Rock School land, as authorized by Chapter 426 of the Acts of the General Court for 1954; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town designate for school purposes the Town-owned park land in Needham bounded westerly by land now or formerly of Ernest Riley, northerly by south bound of Spruce Street and by an extension of said bound to the Ernest Riley land, easterly by Linden Street and southerly by the present High Rock School land, as authorized by Chapter 426 of the Acts of the General Court for 1954.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by striking out therefrom the present Section 3 of Article I and by inserting in place thereof the following:

*Section 3.* In addition to the legal notification required by the foregoing section, the Town Clerk shall cause to be delivered or mailed to each place of residence in the Town a copy of the warrant for each town meeting seven days at least before the time named in the warrant for holding said meeting. The said delivering or mailing shall not, however, constitute any part of the service of said warrant.  
or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town's General By-Laws be amended by striking therefrom the present Section 3 of Article I and by inserting in place thereof the following:

*Section 3.* In addition to the legal notification required by the foregoing section, the Town Clerk shall cause to be delivered or mailed to each place of residence in the Town a copy of the warrant for each town meeting seven days at least before the time named in the warrant for holding said meeting. The said delivering or mailing shall not, however, constitute any part of the service of said warrant.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer for the purposes of the War Memorial Committee established by vote under Article 47 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting the balance of \$174.31 now in the War Salvage Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$174.31, being the remaining balance in the War Salvage Account, be transferred from said account and made available for the purposes of the War Memorial Committee established by vote under Article 47 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to grant to the United States of America, for a nominal consideration, for such period of time as the Board of Selectmen shall deem necessary and desirable, an easement for all purposes of travel over and for the installation of utilities in, over or under a certain triangular parcel of land in Needham owned by the Town and bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by land of Babson Institute one hundred (100) feet;  
Westerly by land of United States of America ninety-four (94) feet;  
Southeasterly by land of Town of Needham one hundred fifty (150) feet;  
Being the northwesterly portion of the Town's Dwight School land;  
or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize and empower the Selectmen, for and in behalf of the Town, to grant to the United States of America, for a nominal consideration, for such period of time as the Selectmen shall deem necessary and desirable, an easement for all purposes of travel over and for the installation of utilities in, over or under a certain triangular parcel of land in Needham owned by the Town and bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by land of Babson Institute one hundred (100) feet;  
Westerly by land of United States of America ninety-four (94) feet;  
Southeasterly by land of Town of Needham one hundred fifty (150) feet;  
Being the northwesterly portion of the Town's Dwight School land;

#### UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 13A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, providing for the establishment and maintenance of an insurance fund to pay workmen's compensation, from which any compensation payable under the provisions of Sections 69 to 75 inclusive of Chapter 152 of the General Laws shall be paid; raise and appropriate a sum of money for the establishment and maintenance of such an insurance fund and a sum of money for the cost of aggregate excess or single accident reinsurance to protect the Town from extraordinary workmen's compensation losses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Mr. Phelan explained that necessary legislation had now been enacted so that the Town might adopt a policy of limited self insurance. Mr. Frank Godfrey stated that it was his belief the Town would have difficulty in finding an insurance company that would accept this type of insurance and in his opinion the best way to reduce insurance cost was to promote a program of education in accident prevention. When put to a vote

it was

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Section 13A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, providing for the establishment and maintenance of an insurance fund to pay workmen's compensation under the provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws; and that the sum of \$17,500.00 be raised and appropriated from the 1955 tax levy for the establishment and maintenance of such fund for the Town of Needham

Yes 86 — No 49

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civilian Defense to be added to the appropriation for Capital Outlay voted under Article 15 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Civilian Defense, said sum to be added to the appropriation for Capital Outlay voted under Article 15 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; and that said sum be raised by transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Public Welfare to be added to the appropriations for Expenses, General Relief and Old Age Assistance voted under Article 15 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$15,100.00 be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Welfare to be added to the appropriation for said Board voted under Article 15 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, said sum to be allocated in amounts and for purposes as follows:

Old Age Assistance .....	\$13,000.00
General Relief .....	1,600.00
Expenses .....	500.00

and that said total sum of \$15,100.00 be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Selectmen to be added to the appropriation for Town Meetings voted under Article 15 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; determine how said sum shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

**VOTED:** That the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for the Board of Selectmen to be added to the appropriation for Town Meetings voted under Article 15 of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting; and that said sum be raised by a transfer of said amount from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

There being no further business to be transacted, the Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 10:30 p.m. on December 13, 1954.

Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF STATE AUDIT

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the following summary of the State Audit is published.

To the Board of Selectmen

February 25, 1954

Mr. Frank E. Godfrey, Chairman  
Needham, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Needham for the period from April 1, 1952 to October 22, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Herman B. Dine  
Director of Accounts

HBD:JRB

Mr. Herman B. Dine  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston  
Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Needham for the period from April 1, 1952, the date of the previous examination, to October 22, 1953, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants and with the treasurer's records.

The ledger accounts were analyzed for the period covered by the audit, the appropriations and loan authorizations, as recorded on the ledgers, were checked with the amounts voted by the town as shown on the town clerk's records of town meetings, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the amounts authorized by the finance committee, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on October 22, 1953.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the disbursements were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the payments.

The cash balance on October 22, 1953 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by examination of the U. S. Treasury bills and the savings bank book.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the town collector's records, the tax titles redeemed were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, the foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and compared with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust, investment, and retirement funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The transfers to the town were verified, the income was proved, and the other reported transactions were found to be correct.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, special assessment, departmental, and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' and other departmental records of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were verified by comparison with the treasurer's records, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the controlling accounts in the town accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, departmental, and water accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of deferred apportioned assessments were examined. The payments in advance were verified, the amounts added to taxes were checked, and the apportionments due in future years were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses issued, of miscellaneous receipts, and of licenses and permits issued on behalf of the board of selectmen were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer and to the State were verified, and the cash on hand October 22, 1953 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of cash in the office.

The surety bonds of all town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the police, health, hospital, library, and school departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and town clerk's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, assessment, departmental, water, and tax title accounts, as well as tables showing the trust, investment, and retirement fund transactions.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) William Schwartz  
Assistant Director of Accounts

WS:JRB.

A true copy  
Attest:

MARIAN S. PETERSON  
Town Clerk





